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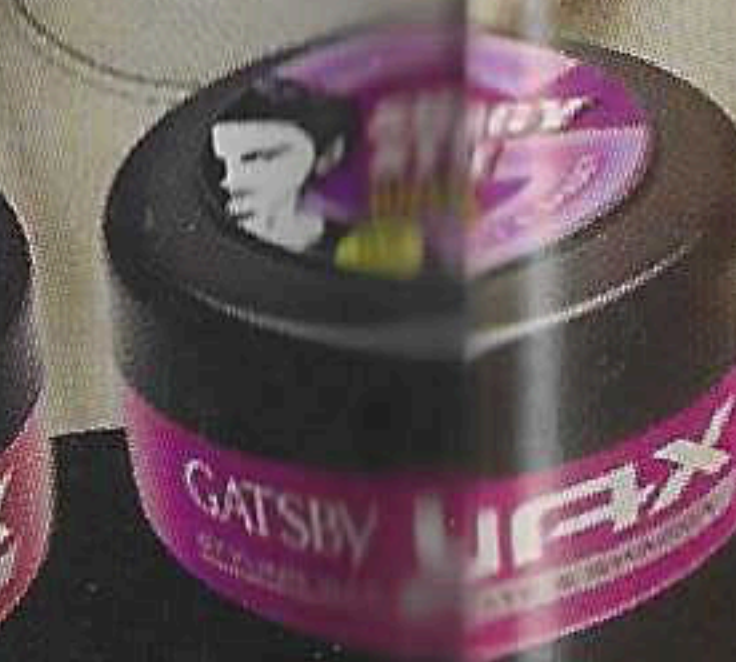
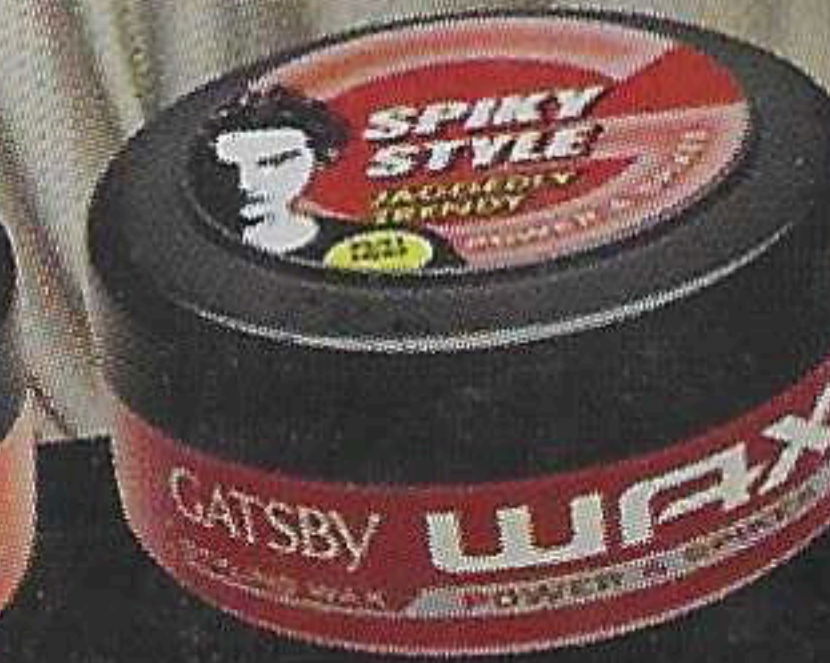
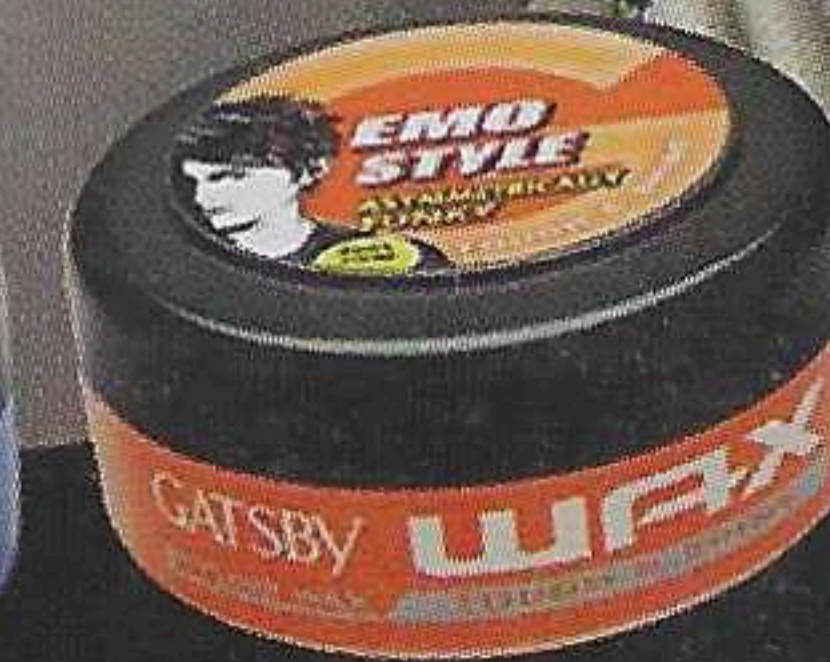
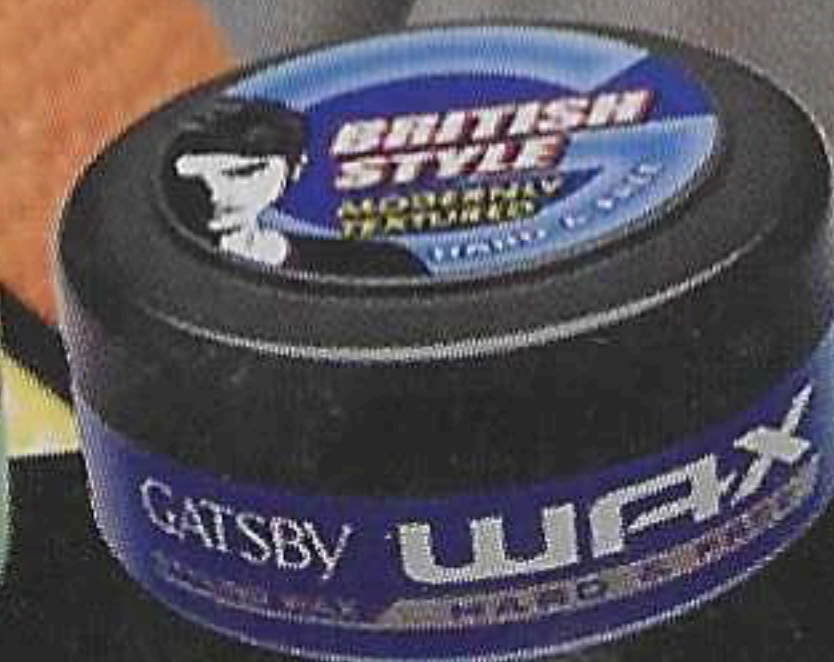
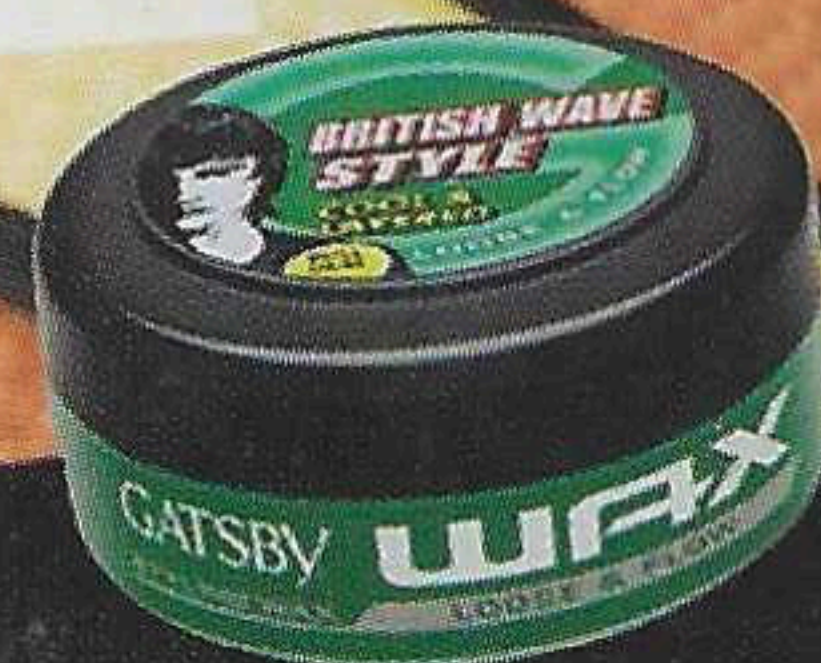
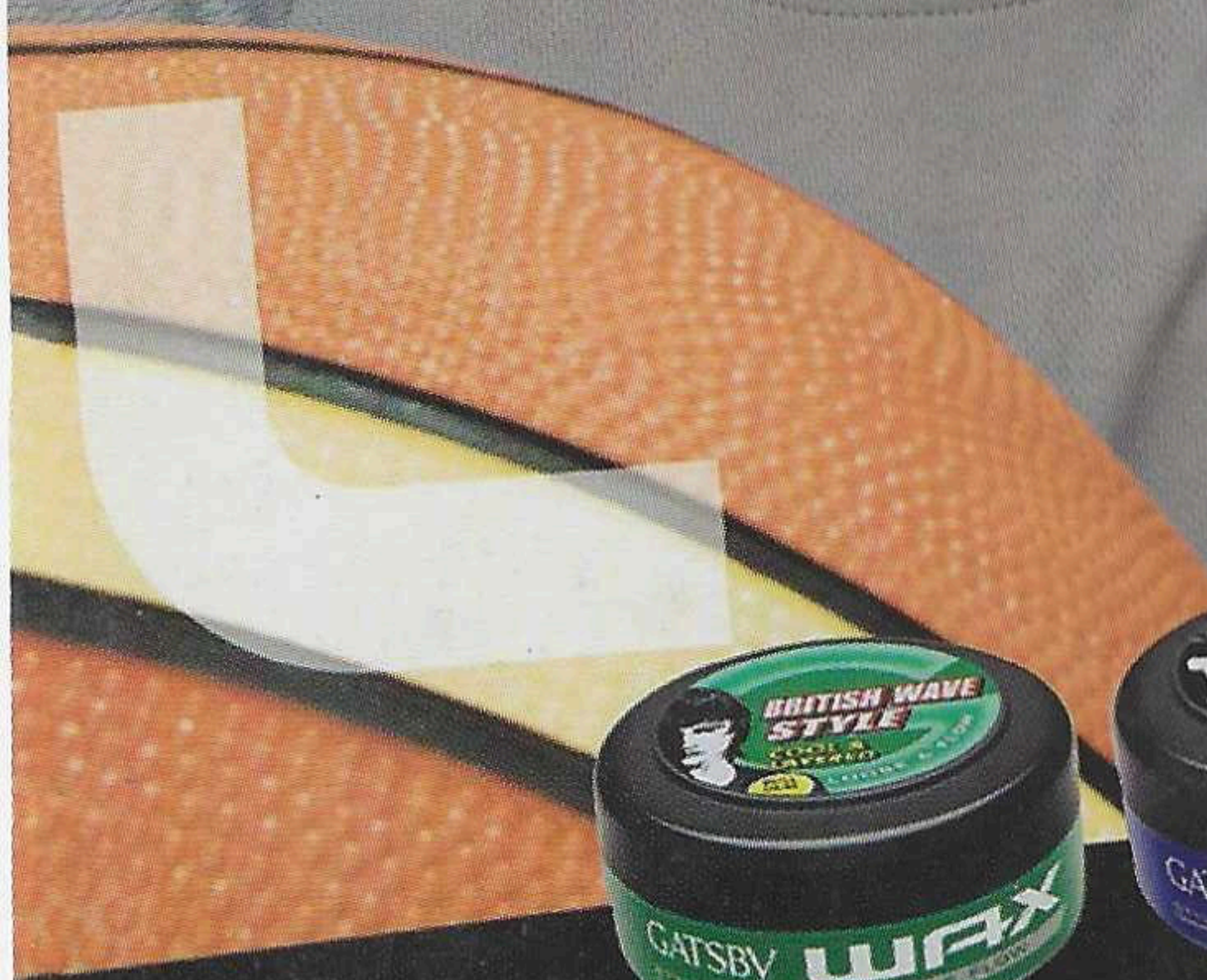
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Ready. Get set. LOAD GAME! >8D  
Or maybe new game if you're just starting a game...  
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Anyway... heyas Otafans! OwOn How are you all? Thank you for your continuous support! I know its school time for most of you but I know that there are some of you that can't control the gaming urge and the must-watch-anime urge, even its exam week (like me eueb). The rainy season we have is the best time to be comfy indoors, to watch anime, read manga, watch some movies and as for me, to earn more exp and to level up! With these, the OA Team is proud to present you our Gamer's issue! >8D but of course mixed with anime and movie goodies that we'd like you to check out!

Buckle up to your seats and brace to this issue as SAO 2 welcomes you along with its game SAO: Hollow Fragment. Hitokiri Battousai also slashes his way to greet and give you some news. The Chief of Halo comes back with another game along with our famous Lara Croft. Are you getting hungry with the excitement? You'll get to know how to cook some mixed rice too! (and it's a good food while gaming hehe) Be sure to share it with The Guardians of the Galaxy and with the Expendables team.

Got your HP drained with the awesomeness? Here, drink your potion and staart your progress to check out the rest of theamazing contents of this issue!

Catch you all later Otafans! And be sure to finish your school works first before you play games. >\_>  
Nah just have fun XD

-GM Ren

## CONTRIBUTORS QUESTION:

What would you prefer as a weapon: gun or sword? Why?

Swords. fighting with them always looks cooler and more graceful than shooting guns. Plus, they always have a knack of having some magical property or ability such as blade beams.

-John Robert Lim

I choose Sword. It's because sword-type weapons have always been my weapon of choice in every role-playing game I played. One of my favorites are dual swords, scimitars and katanas.

-Nathaniel Angeles

I prefer a sword. I like close combats. Also, it's always been my favorite weapon.

-Dhanliza Cellona

Gun, so that I could fight Bayonetta-style.

-Ann Carmel Flores



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# THE LAST

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NARUTO THE MOVIE

It's been seventeen years since the **Naruto** series started which was written and created by **Masashi Kishimoto**. It is one of the best selling mangas in history, selling more than 130,000 copies in Japan alone.

**Naruto** is a story of a ninja named **Naruto Uzumaki**. He has the **Nine-tailed Fox**, a beast that attacked the village of **Konoha** and caused many deaths and casualties, sealed inside of him. Villagers treat him badly because of it. Even the children his age are told by their parents to avoid playing with him. Good thing this did not stop him from becoming a **ninja** and have a dream to become a **Hokage**; the strongest ninja in the village. He wants everyone to understand that he is not the **Nine-tailed Fox** but **Naruto Uzumaki**, a great **ninja**.

The series has released video games, OVAs and even movies. They have a total of 9 movies; the 9th being the highest grossing movie entitled **Naruto: Road to Ninja**. It was announced last December 2012 that the last **Naruto** movie is coming our way which was revealed later on as the "start of new era project".

They have revealed the character sketches and the new outfits of some characters. So far, we saw the colored and rendered version of **Naruto Uzumaki** as it was revealed on the first trailer released last July 31.

Let's follow **Naruto** and his fellow ninjas in their adventures once again and for the last time as the movie will be released in theaters on December 6, 2014!



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# THE RETURN OF THE FRANCHISE

written by kandy

Disney must be very happy with himself knowing that he now owns Pixar, Marker Studios, Marvel and last October 2012, Lucasfilm. Knowing that it was Lucasfilm who brought us Star Wars, fans speculated that Disney will try to bring back the franchise. Then they announced something even better, they are going to continue the story with a sequel trilogy.

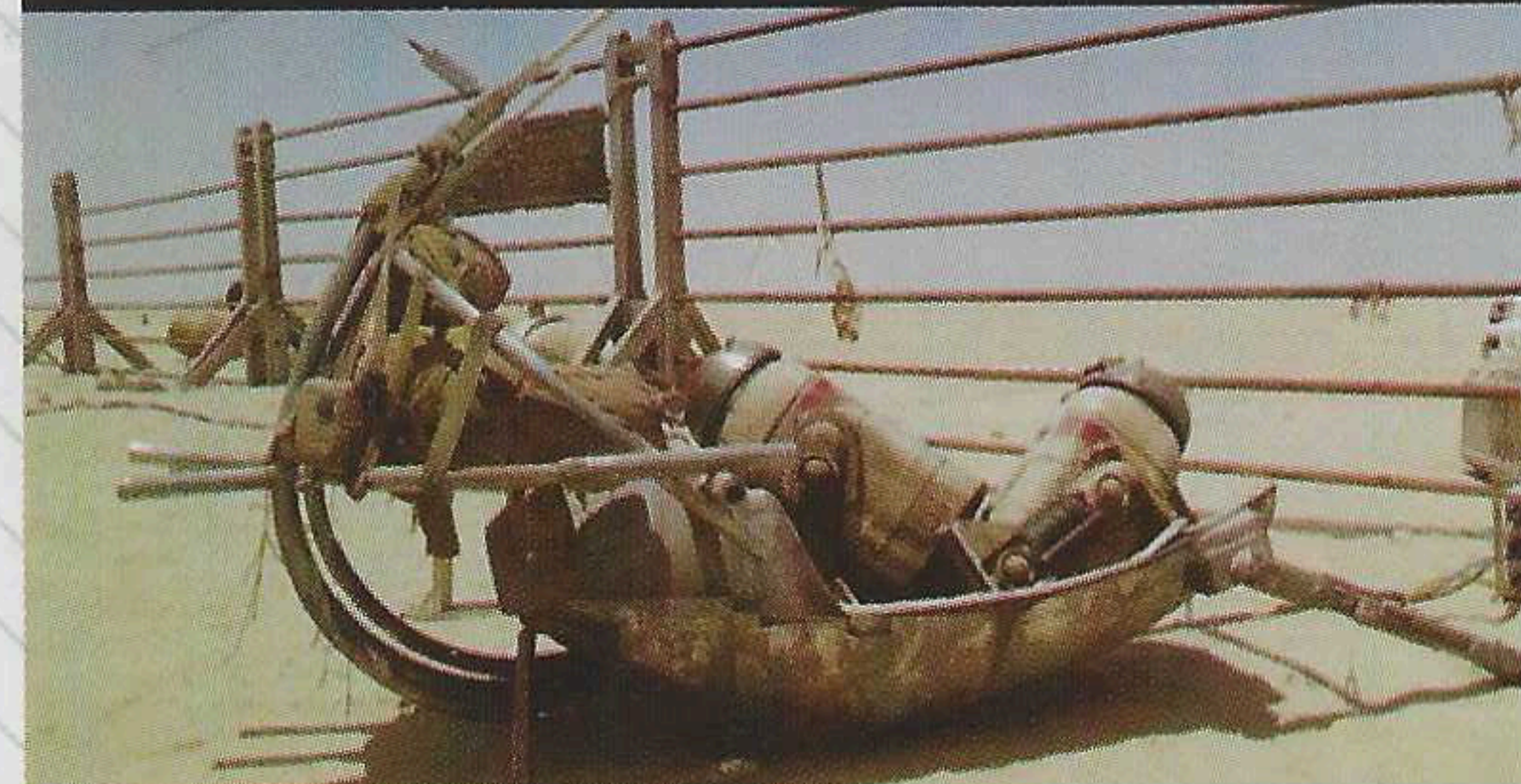
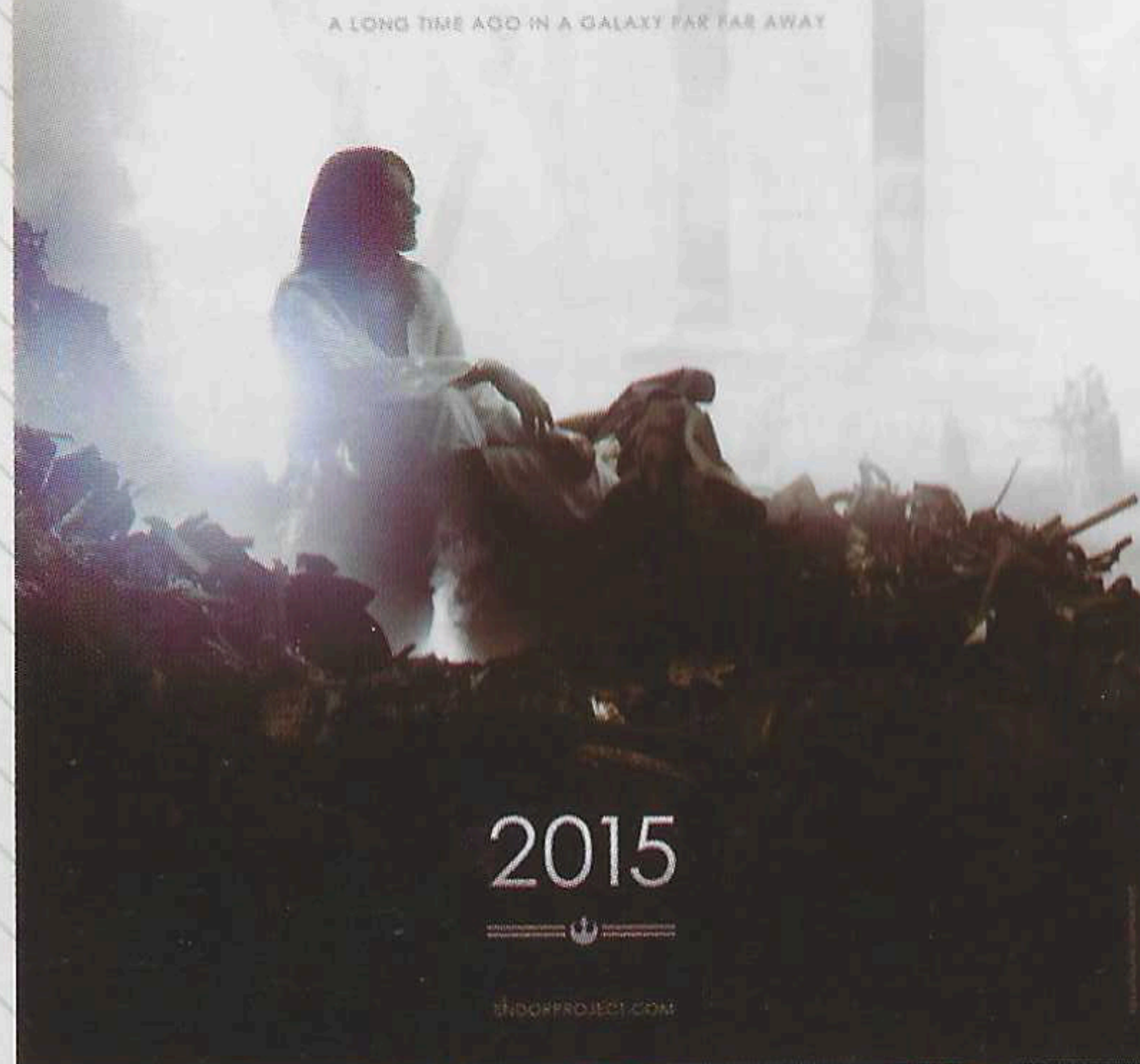
May 16, 2014, Star Wars: Episode VII began principal photography with J.J. Abrams as director. As for the timeline, the film will take place 30 years after the Battle of Endor, the biggest and most important battles in the Galactic Civil War that signified the death of Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader as well as the destruction of the Death Star II. It follows the main characters from George Lucas' original trilogy: Luke, Leia and Han. Meaning the actors will be re-casted to play the older version of their characters.

Screenplay is written by Abrams and Lawrence Kasdan. Lucasfilm president, Kathleen Kennedy, Abrams and Bryan Burk are producing while John Williams returns as composer. As we said, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Anthony Daniels (C-3PO), Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca) and Kenny Baker (R2-D2) will return as their characters in the movie with new cast members, Billie Lourd, John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Andy Serkis, Domhall Gleeson, Max von Sydow, Lupita Nyong'o and Gwendoline Christie.

The movie is expected to open worldwide on December 18, 2015.

Director Rian Johnson and George Lucas are actually writing the screenplay for Star Wars: Episode VIII for release in 2017. Disney chairman, Bob Iger confirmed three-stand alone Star Wars films in the next ten years. Writer Lawrence Kasdan is said to be working on a Boba Fett spin-off while Simon Kinberg is working on Han Solo spin-off.

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Due to overwhelming response of our customers, Bubble Tea is planning to expand its business and open more outlets in and outside Metro Manila.

Currently, Bubble Tea has branches in SM Megamall & SM North EDSA-The Block, which started 2007, and in Tomas Morato, Q.C. & Wilson, Greenhills, which started 2010, at The Fort, which started 2011 and now open at Westgate in Alabang, Harborpoint in Subic, Robinsons Place in Bacolod and Marquee Mall in Pampanga.



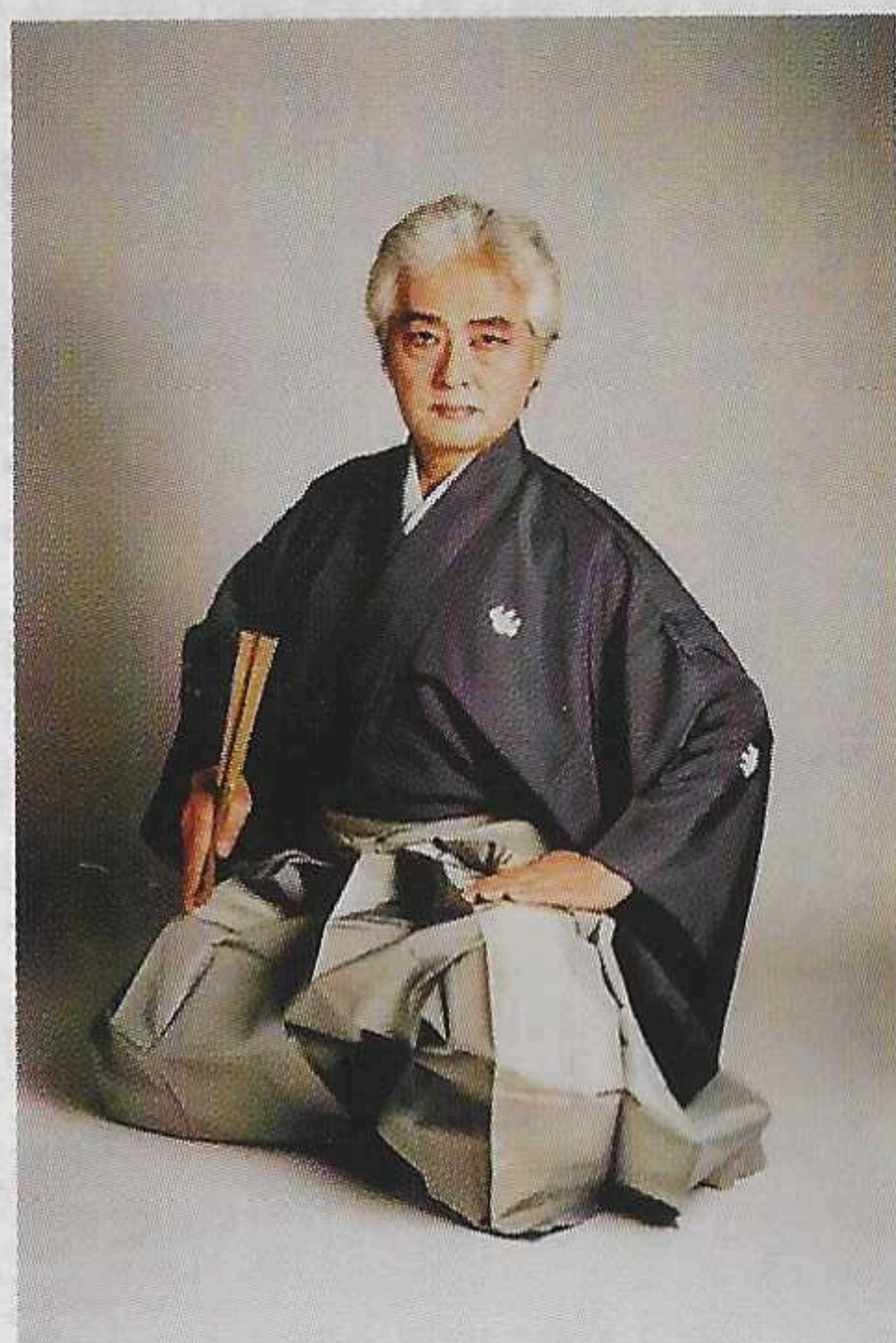


## HOOKED BOOK

Barakamon is an anime adaptation of a manga about a superstar calligrapher Seishuu Handa. He got himself into some trouble and exiled himself on a small village on an island. There he meets Naru, a 7-year old girl who brings Handa a lot of trouble.

The book **Shodo** is a professional book that will help you attain the traditional art of Japanese calligraphy. This book assures you that as a learner of Shodo or the Japanese brush calligraphy, you will be a calligrapher with the guidance of the wisdom of Zen poetry.

Just like Handa-sensei, you'll soon find yourself trying your hand at calligraphy. Written by the Japanese master calligrapher, **Shozo Sato**, currently a professor at the University of Illinois, the book aims to guide all students of every level to his unique brush painting art form.

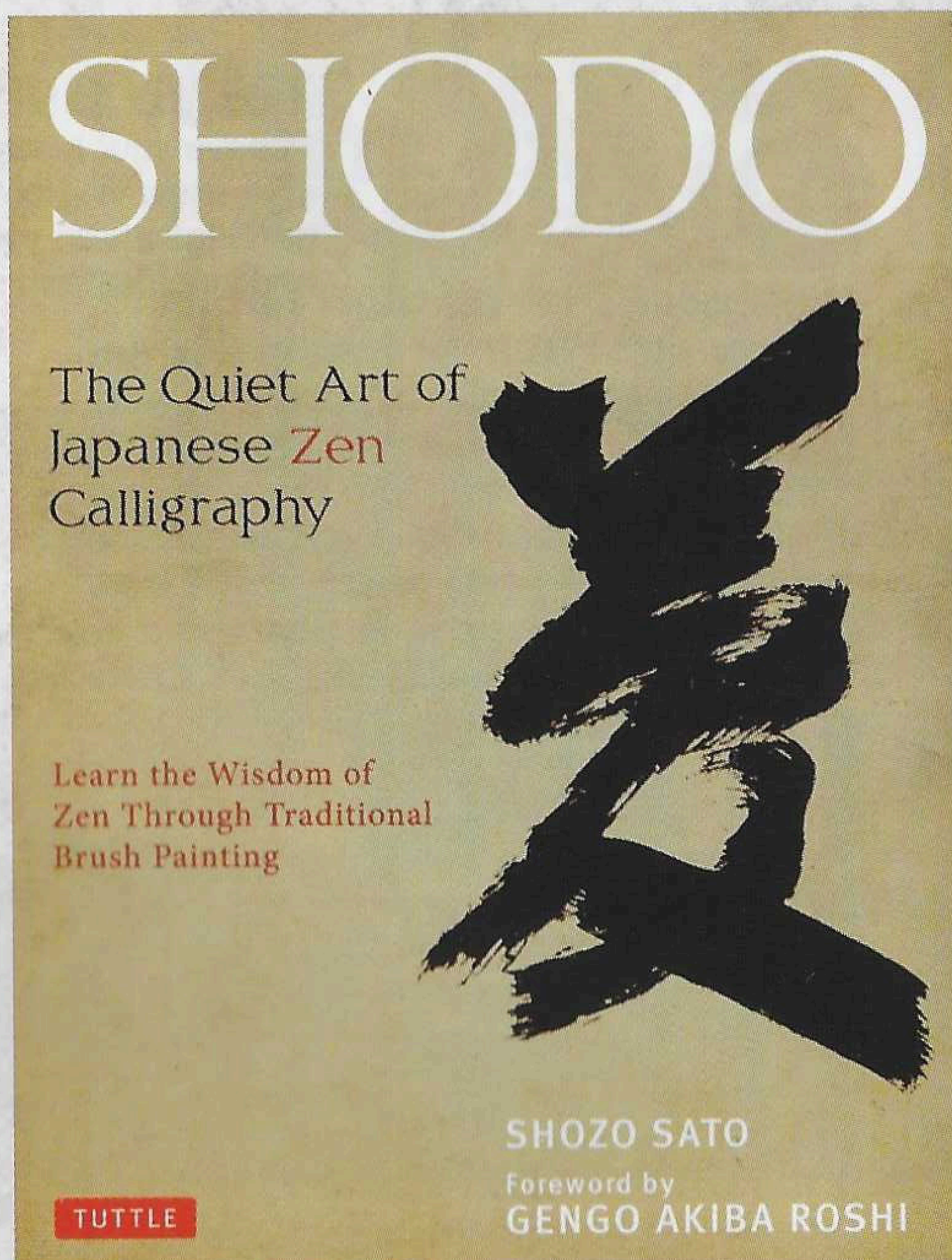


Shozo Sato

Sato's expertise is clearly visible in this book, containing examples of a classic shodo masterwork by a skilled Japanese monk master calligrapher, the explanations of each individual characters and the Zen koan as a whole, giving the readers the exact message behind those meaningful styles of writing and an illustrated guide on painting the Zen koan.

This educational book is not only appealing to the shodo students or those focusing in Zen Buddhism, but also it encourages the hobbyist and readers to try this new hobby while meditating your mind through Zen.

Shodo is printed by Tuttle Publishing and is currently available locally and we at Otaku Asia hope to see your works of art soon! Together, we'll work to be good calligraphers whether as professionals or as hobbyists.



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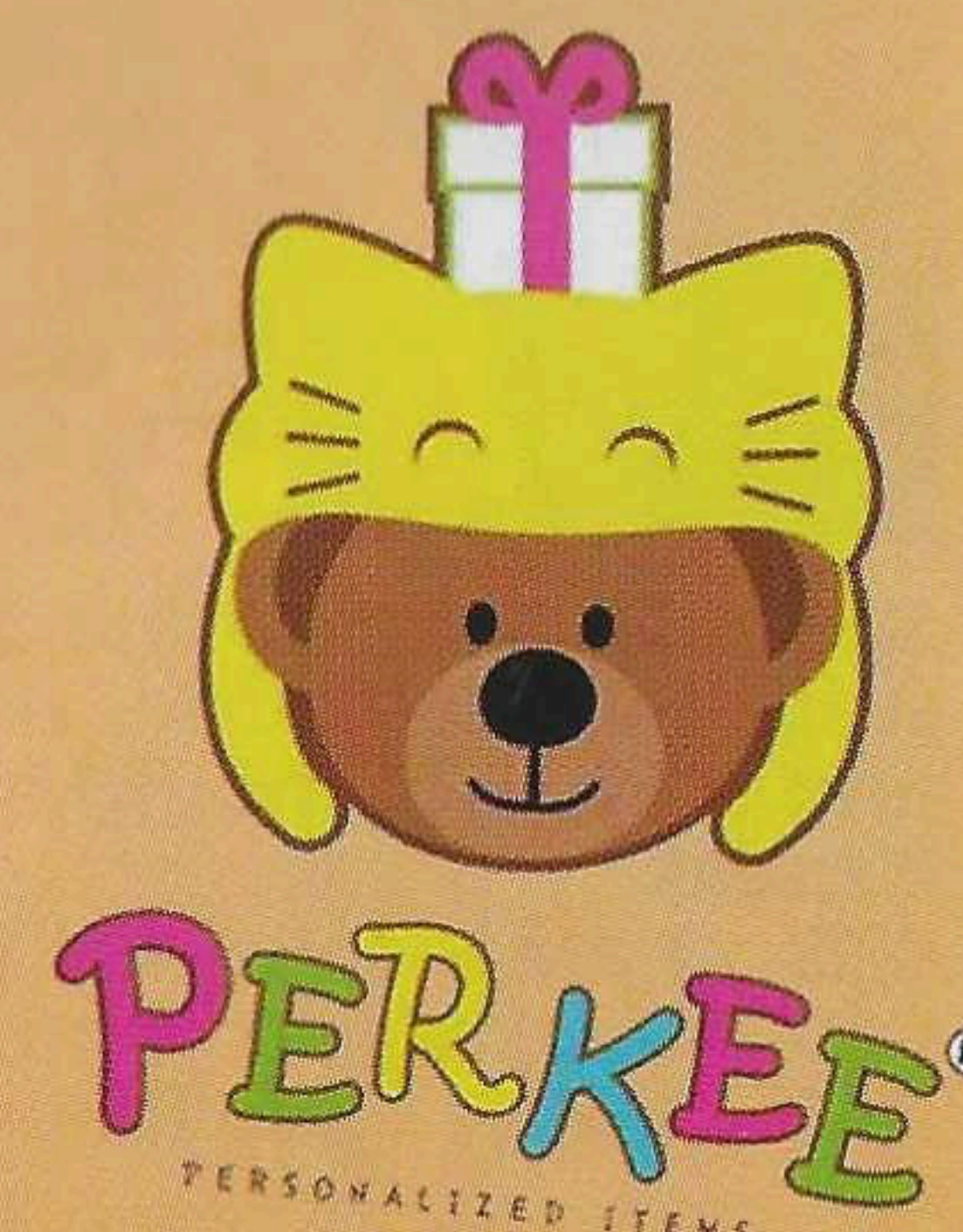
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(Mountain)

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# OTAKUGOODIES DARK ANGEL OLIVIER

Series: Rage of Bahamut  
 Product: Pre-painted figure #PF8146  
 Height: 34 cm Weight: 2.38 kg  
 Scale: 1/8  
 Price: US\$ 188.87



Oh man, where do I start. This figure became the talk of the town and THOSE WINGS made many collectors pre order right off the bat.

Dark Angel Olivia unfolds her sunset colored wings, ready to spread evil and chaos. The clear purple crystals protrude from a dark circle. At 34 cm, this figure is a towering beauty.

We'll risk getting up close and personal.



**3/5 Sculpting** - The details are nothing to gawk at. The holes on her lace and boots wasn't as well done. The details were muddled and almost flat. The edges isn't sharp and crisp as it should be. The wings also lacked more attention despite how beautiful it looks.

**4/5 Paint** - Everything looks well painted except for her hair which is too dark.

**5/5 Packaging** - She comes in 13 pieces. Such a number for pure evil.

**4/5 Value** - You'll be paying for those wings. That's it.

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hwah .. natanggap ko na ..  
had purchased it online last friday

ayos completo na ako  
thanks !!!

-Jane Nomio



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REALLY ENJOYED IT!!!

-Rhuss Geagoni

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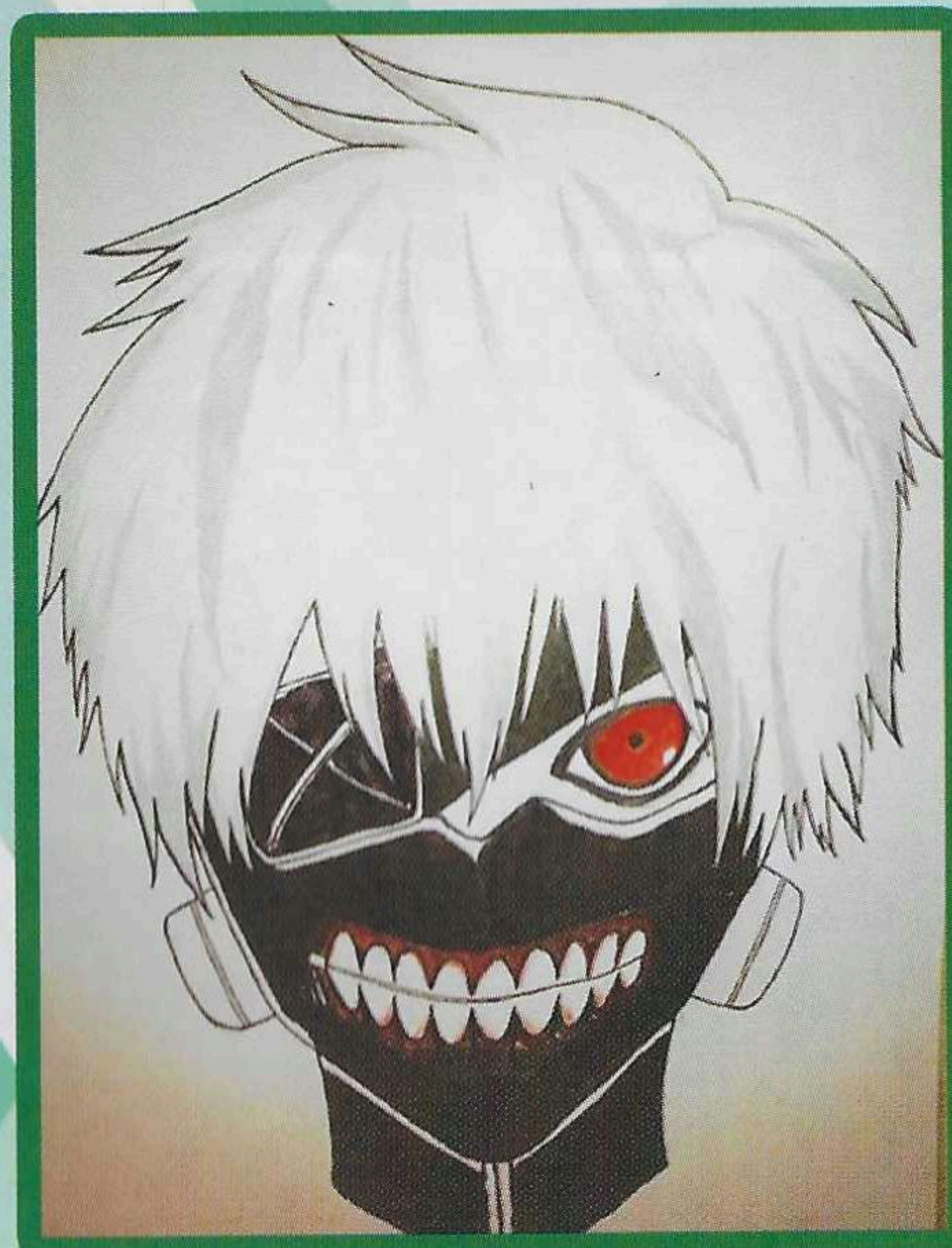
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Krys Magnaye



Konnichiwa minna! I would like to  
share my fanart of Kaneki Ken from  
Tokyo Ghoul  
Thank you for inspiring me to draw  
:DD

-Basil Lorenzo

Konichiwa Otaku Asia

I'm Looking forward of including my  
fan art of Yoshino and Yoshinon of  
Date A Live into your next issues.  
Thanks to Otaku Asia Anime Magazine  
issues for feeding up my Otaku needs  
despite of my hectic schedule being an  
Architecture Student. With your  
informative Issues, I'm up-to-date with  
every Otaku events. Keep up OTAKU  
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I'm also requesting for Tokyo Ghoul as  
your Cover feature for the next issue.  
Arigatou Gozaimasu!!  
Daisuki Otaku Asia!!!

~ John Benedict Dela Cruz



Yanni Owen De Leon



ENE from Mekaku City Actors  
Hope you like it

-Kyrios Renn Zipagan

konnichiwa kung pwede nga po  
paki recall ang Accel World .  
Sobrang favorite po kasi namin yan  
ni Bez . Maganda po kasi ung flow  
ng story sobrang Related sa life  
namin. By the way ako nga po pala  
si Maynard Castillo of San Jose City,  
Nueva Ecija. Arigato Gozaimasu for  
all of u ang God Bless ...

-Youto Yokodera







Konnichiwa! Otaku Asia Magazine!  
Here is my fanart Sinon from SAO II. I  
hope it comes out to the next  
Magazine issues... anyway more  
power to you and to us Otakus!

-Ian Dave Lleba Mates

Hi otaku asia magazine  
paparating na ang rainy season sa  
philippines! Wala nanamang pasok hahahaha  
(joke) I wish na sana more issues to come .I  
do really love OA mag.

Can I make a request? pwede po ba sa next  
issue yung cover feature is "mahouka kou kou  
no rettousei" please po .I do really love this  
anime.so that we can have more knowledge  
about this anime. thank's po

-ally zabala

Konnichiwa!)))  
I really really  
really love this  
mag! ^^ well, I  
read lots of  
anime here,  
certified otaku  
kasi ako kahit  
na di nako  
bata. Hahaha.  
So ayun sana  
po mapost o  
makita ko man  
lang ang isa sa  
mga drawing  
ko sa mag nyo  
po. Waaaa  
plith?  
onegai????  
Dream come  
true pag  
nangyari yun  
^ ^

Arigatoooooo!  
God bless.

-Arc Centeno



Thanks O.A.!! You really made my  
day when this package arrived!!!  
Stay strong and keep on  
enlighting us with your issues!!

-Shi Tsu



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# Mixed Rice

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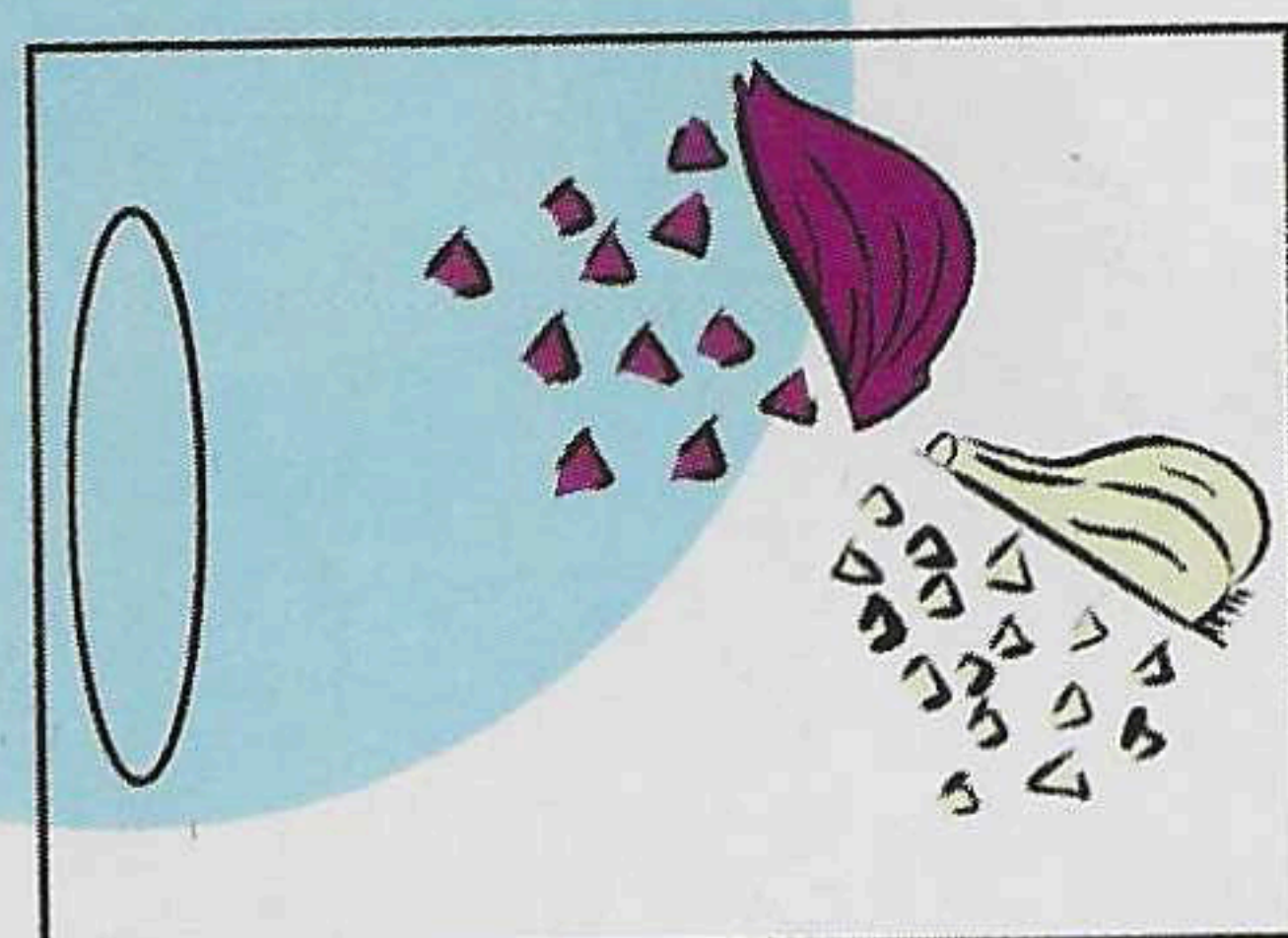
- steamed rice
- 5 cloves garlic
- 1 onion
- cooking oil
- green peas and carrots
- seasoning mix
- cooked hotdog/ tocino/longganisa
- fried egg



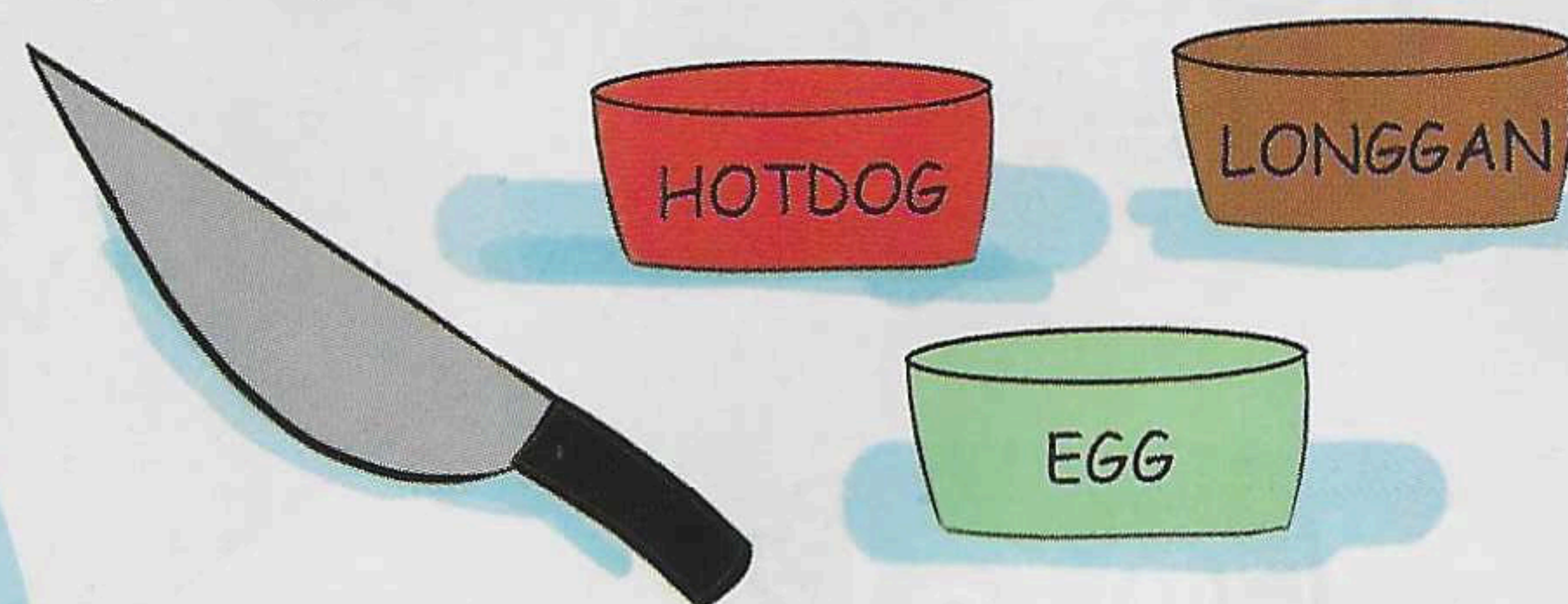
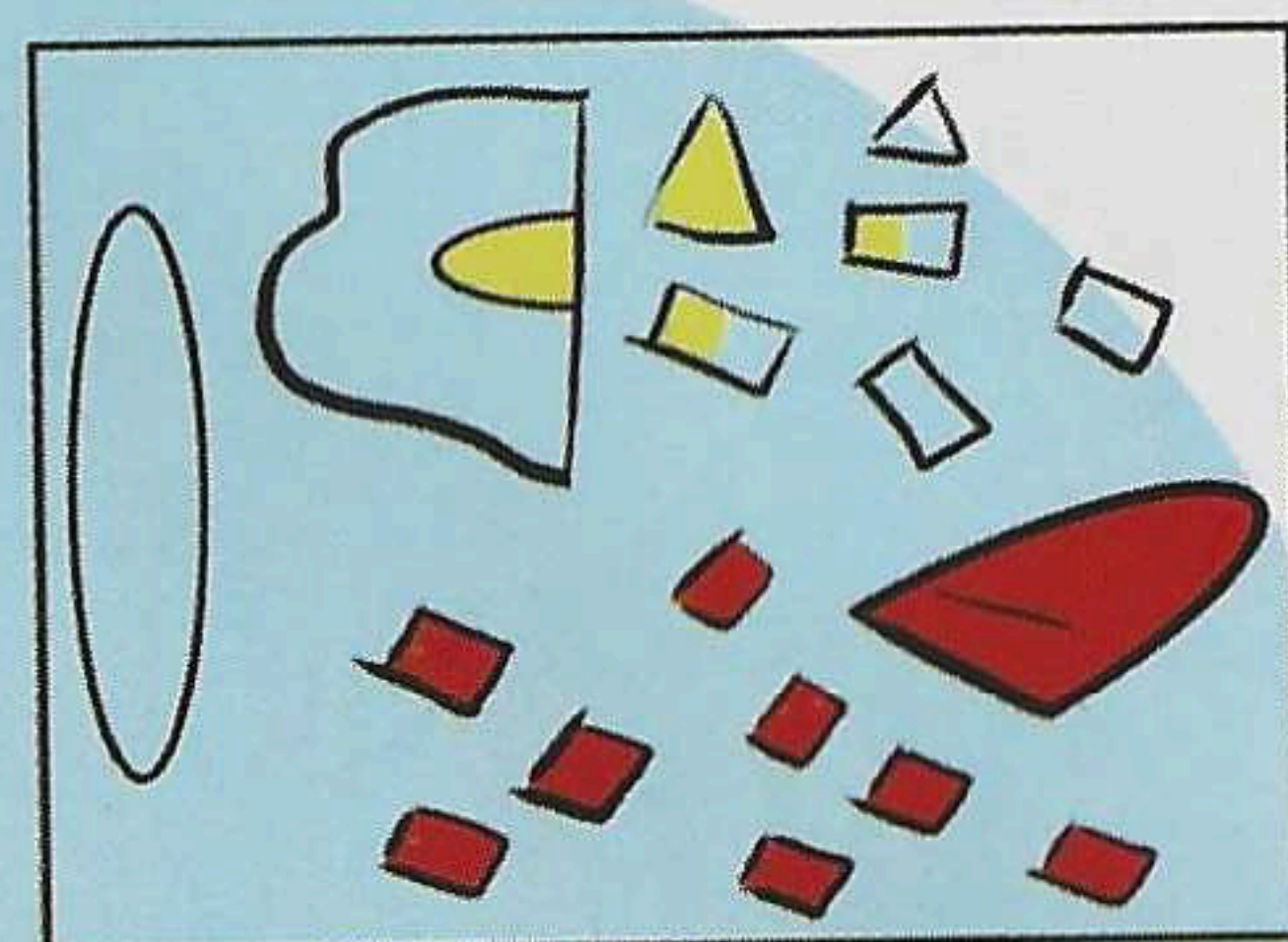
Being a hardcore gamer makes you skip meals or not eating properly. Worry no more because for this month's Bento Box, we will be teaching you how to make Mixed rice; the food that is suits perfectly for gamers because it heavy and easy to eat.

## Procedure:

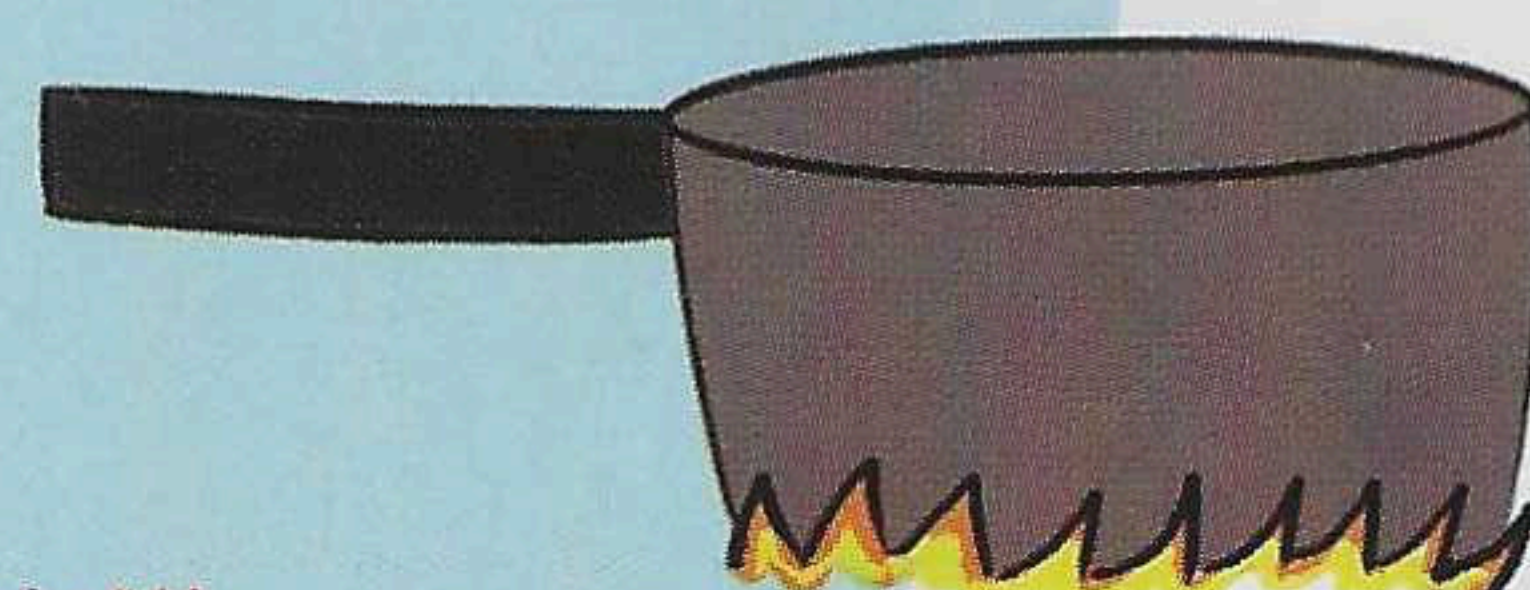
1.Chop into tidbits the onion & the garlic then set aside.



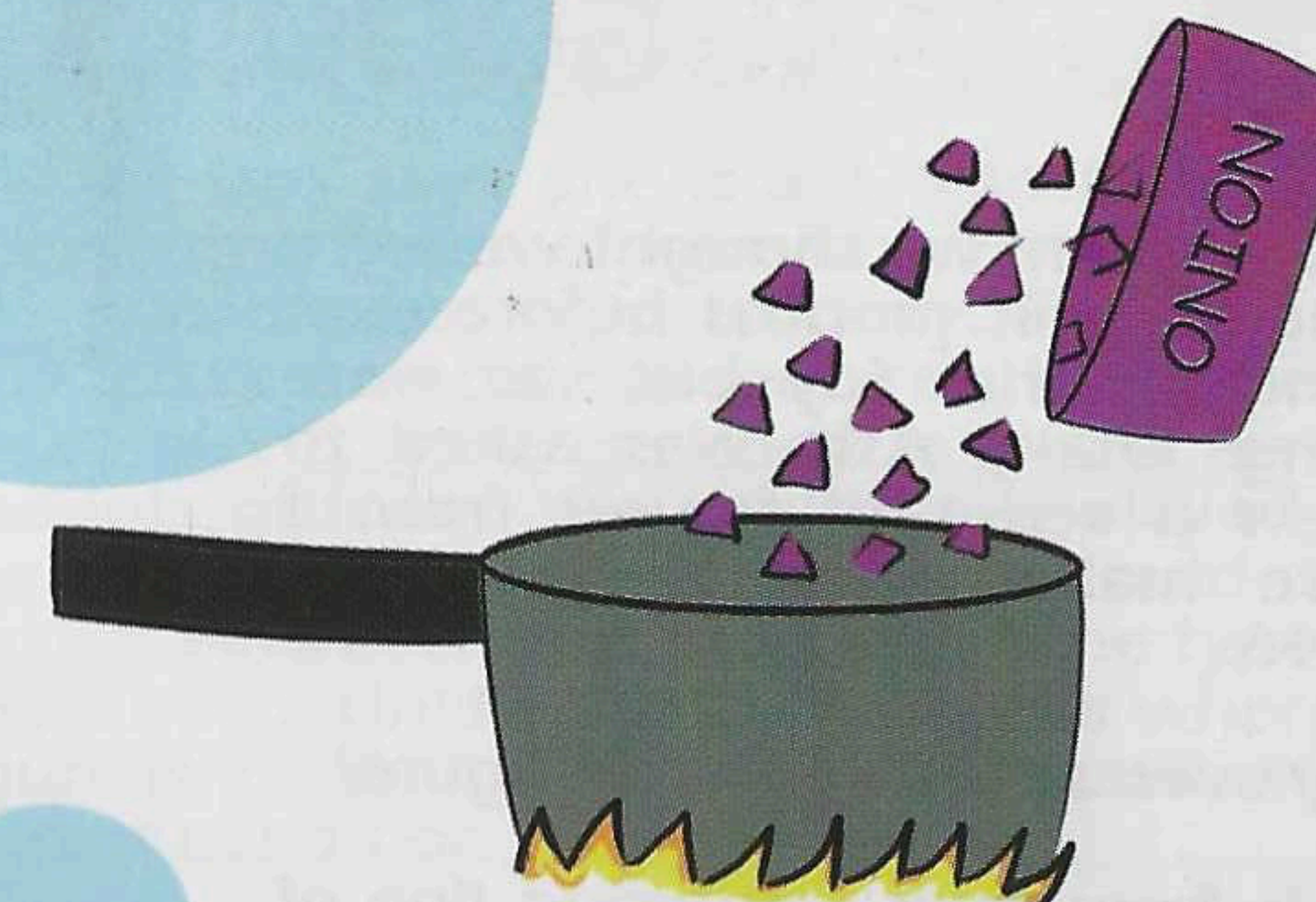
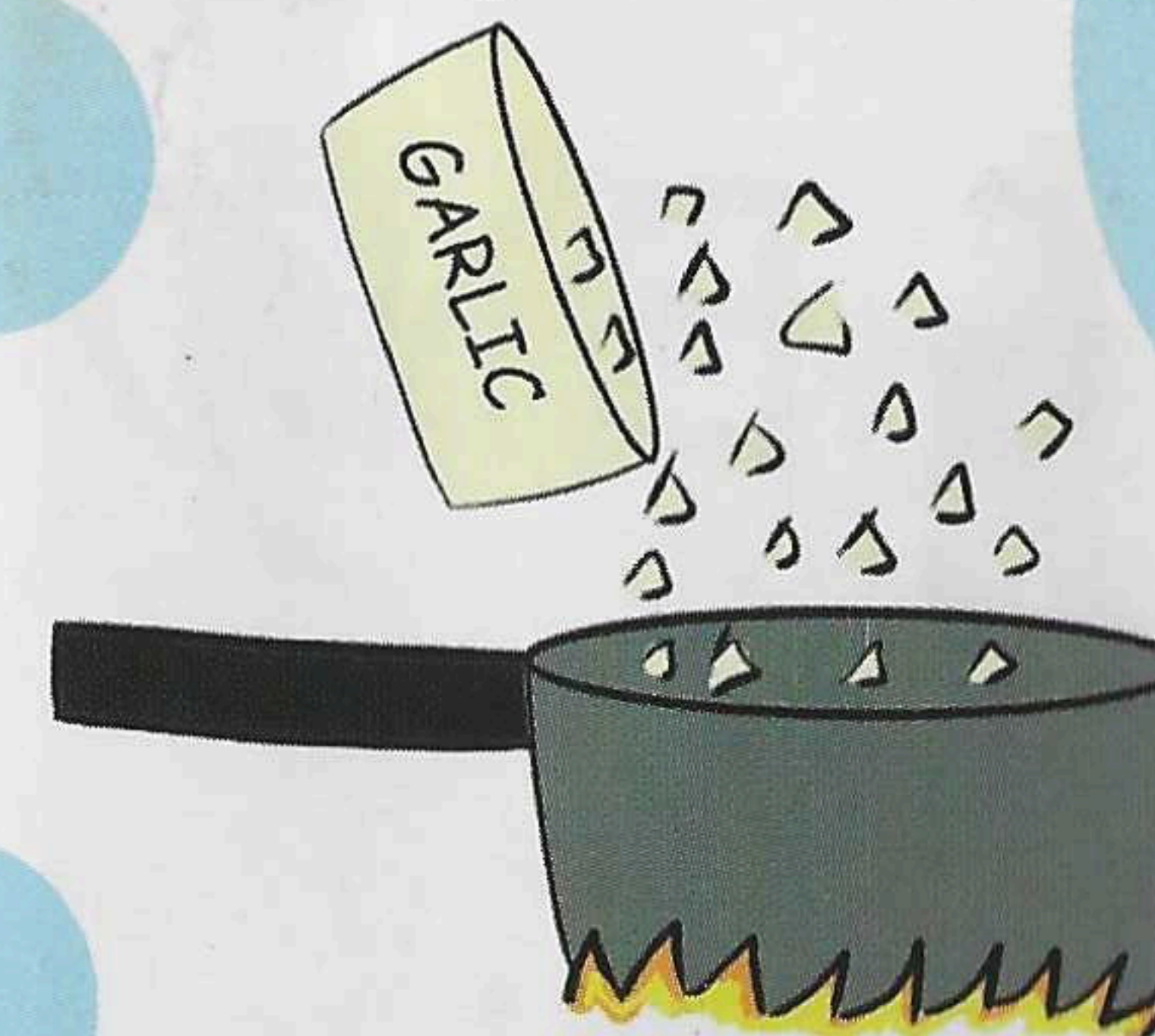
2. Cut also the egg, hotdog/longganisa/tocino into pieces also then set aside. Make sure that the egg is full cooked; the yellow part is solid.



3. Heat the pan and then put the cooking oil.



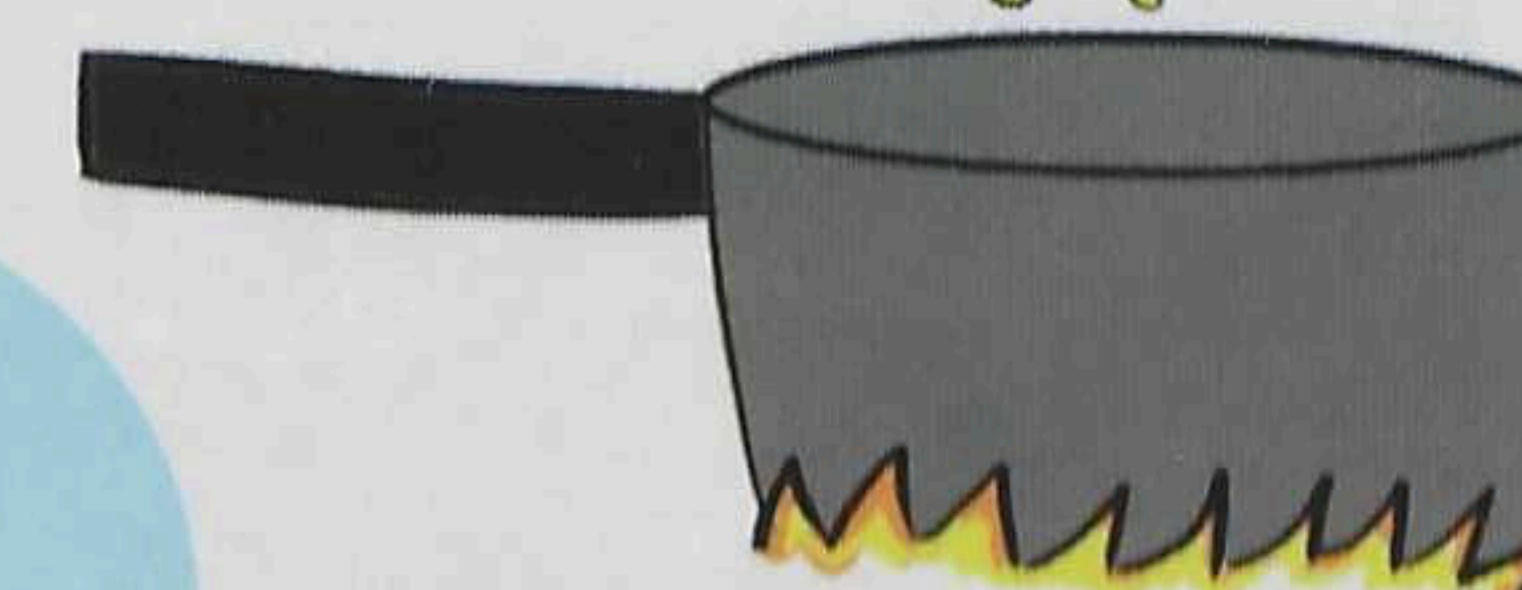
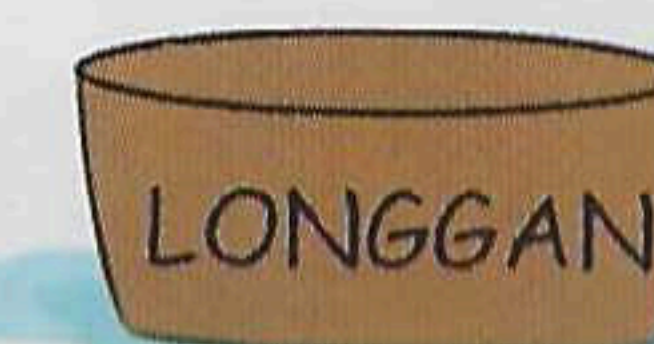
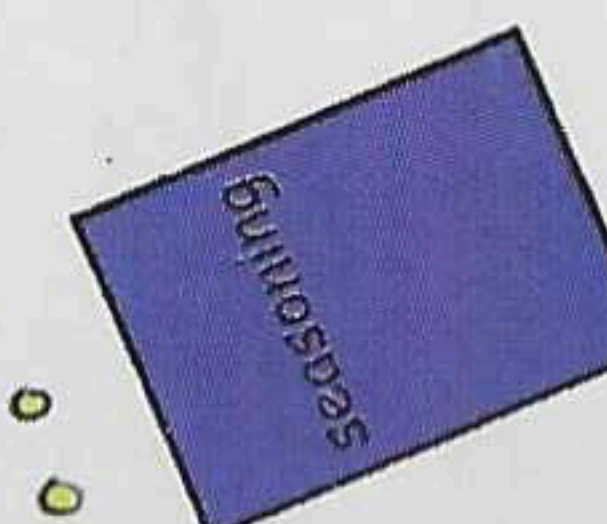
4. Sautee the garlic until it turns light brown then add the onions.Mix it.



5. Put the steamed rice and mix it again



6. Add seasoning while mixing it. Then add the egg, longganisa/hotdog/tocino , carrots and green peas and then mix again.



7. Place it on a bowl and there you have it~  
Mixed rice made by yourself.  
Simple to do in only 7 steps.



\* You could also use chopsticks in eating it~

## Trivia:

You can put anything you want. You can also include potatoes, corn, etc. You should also continuously mix the rice so that it won't stick and get burned, especially on the bottom part.





After Toycon, we thought we were going to wait months before ever seeing another toy but we were wrong. Otaky Asia was asked to review a series of figures from a figure maker from Hong Kong, E2046.

They even sent us a starter figure!

She is from their Gathering line of high quality hand-painted resin figures. She is also an ORI figure, meaning she is an original design. The company, E2046 planned, drafted, designed and manufactured the figure themselves.

We really appreciated the originality of the design. They even added a origin and story to the figure! Legend is the Goddess of nature who has the power to speak to animals and control all living things. Against conflict, she uses her powers to protect the forest from anyone.

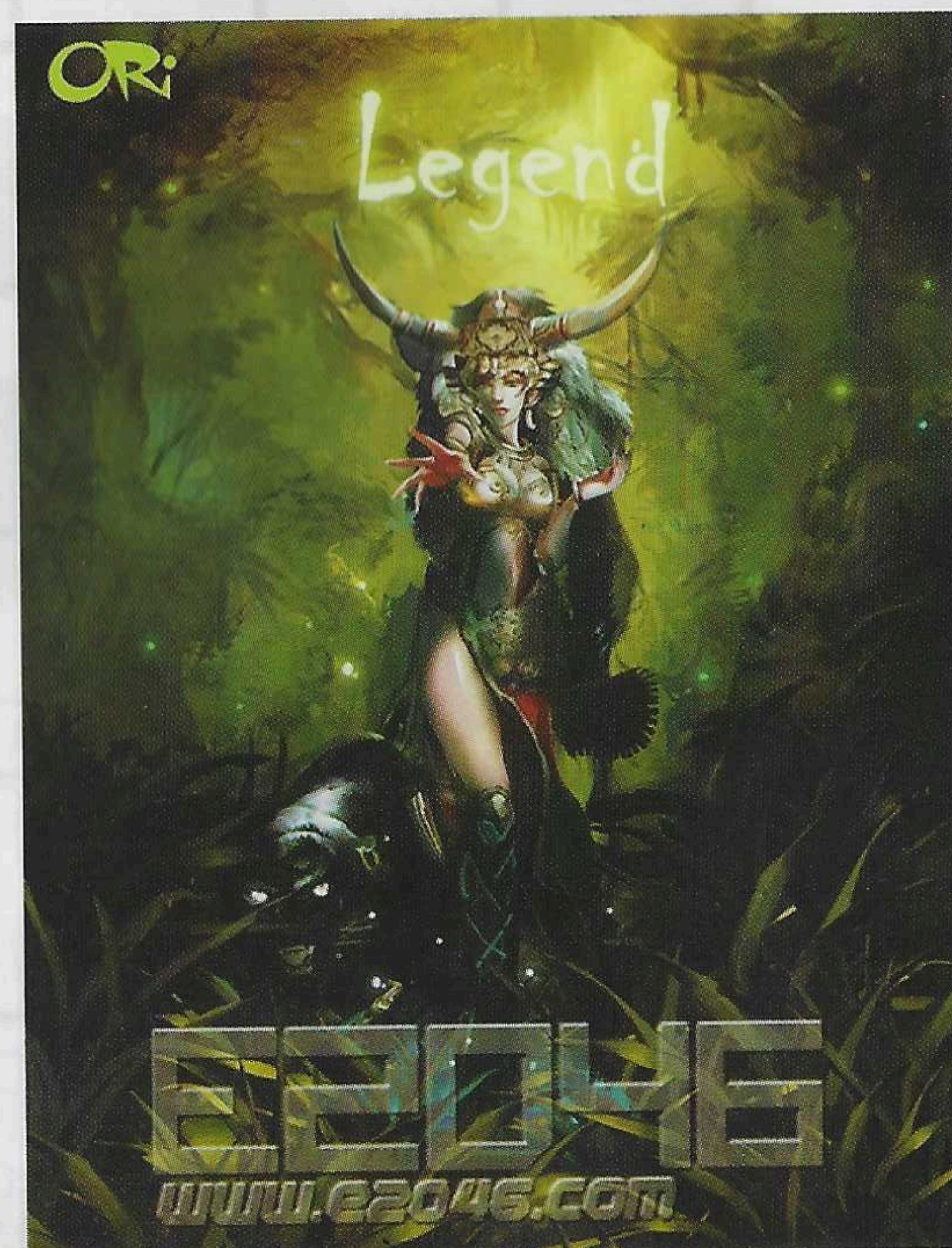
OA thinks that the concept art is beautiful and that her story clearly shows through the pose and stance. It felt as if we were being too rude and she's warning us.



We noticed that they made slight modifications in making the model. Like the tassels by her hips and the ribbon on her laced sandals.

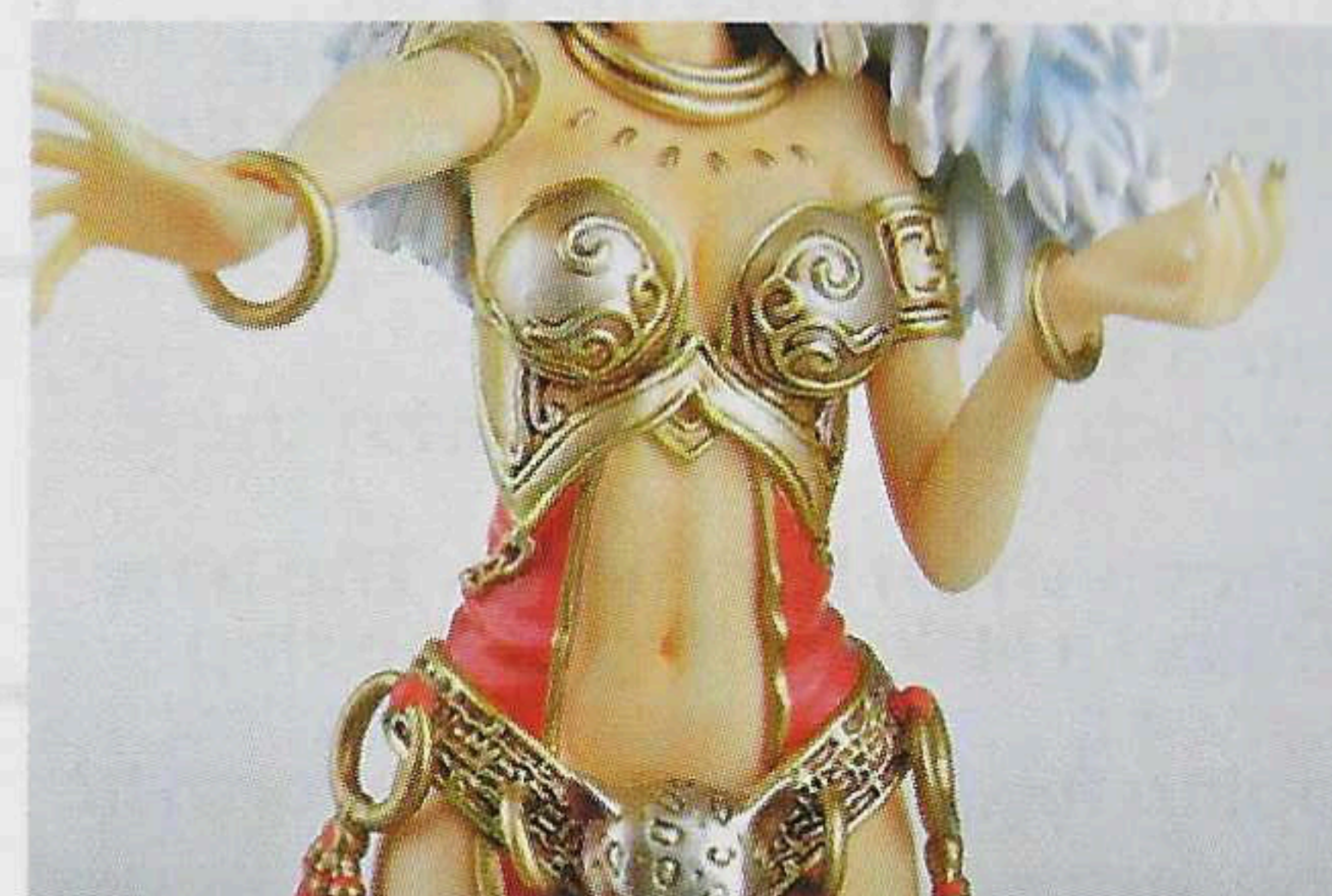
We were very excited for the figure to arrive.

And then it did.



The figure was nicely separated in seven pieces to be assembled. It came with visual instructions that was easy to understand. Personally, we enjoyed that it was not packed as a whole. It made us feel part of the production and creation of the figure to become a whole.

Legend is beautiful. Her skin was smooth and soft to touch our favorite was feature was her eyes. It had a certain shine to it. The paint is perfect. Her gold accessories had weathering and shadows in all the right places and so did her clothes. Even her nails had a color! Her eyeshadow was pretty and her horn really looked like a horn. We were also happy that she did not get a boring base. She is secured to her base by one rod on her left foot.



There are two versions of Legend. One with the panther from the concept art and the one without. We received the one without.

As the box says, she is a 1/6 scale figure (to understand figure dimensions, read here). The box was big but light to carry. The box itself was secure and did not require sticky tape. The figure pieces were enclosed in plastic and lots and lots of foam. We could have played with the box around and the contents would still be secure. However, the box wasn't the type that you'd keep. Unlike the figma boxes where the figure is visible inside and you can still enjoy it in mint condition (unopened).



The details! Knowing that they made this from scratch is inspirational. Legend will stand at our desk for a long time, forever reaching out warning us from procrastinating. She is Legend- (wait for it...)

Thank you to E2046! We look forward to more of your works.

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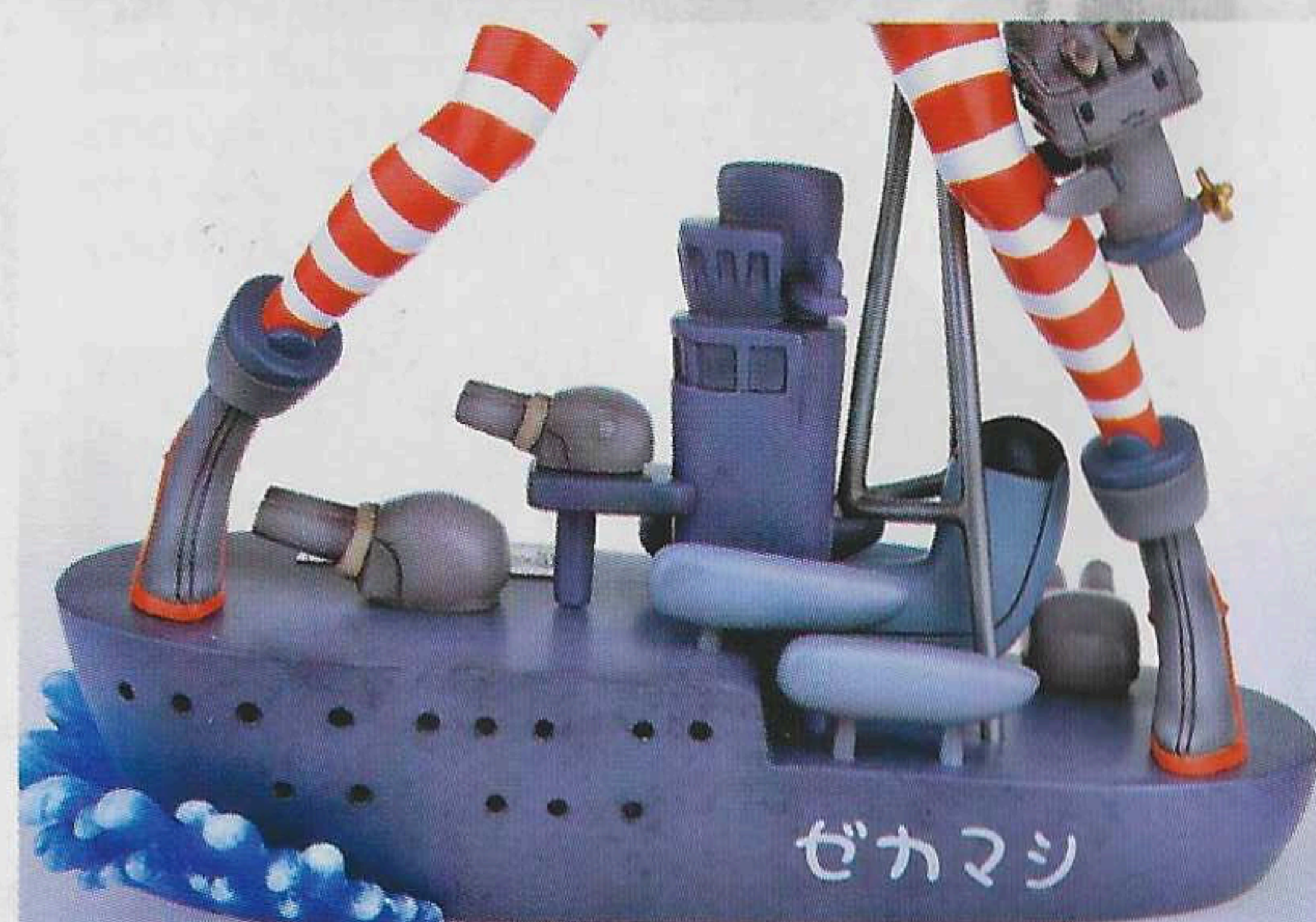


# ZEKAMASHI & SHIMAKAZE

Series: Fashion  
 Product: Pre-painted figure #PF8561  
 Height: 31 cm  
 Scale: 1/6  
 Price: US\$ 164.99

Kantai Collection anime was moved to next year but it's still never too early to get a figure of Zekamashi.

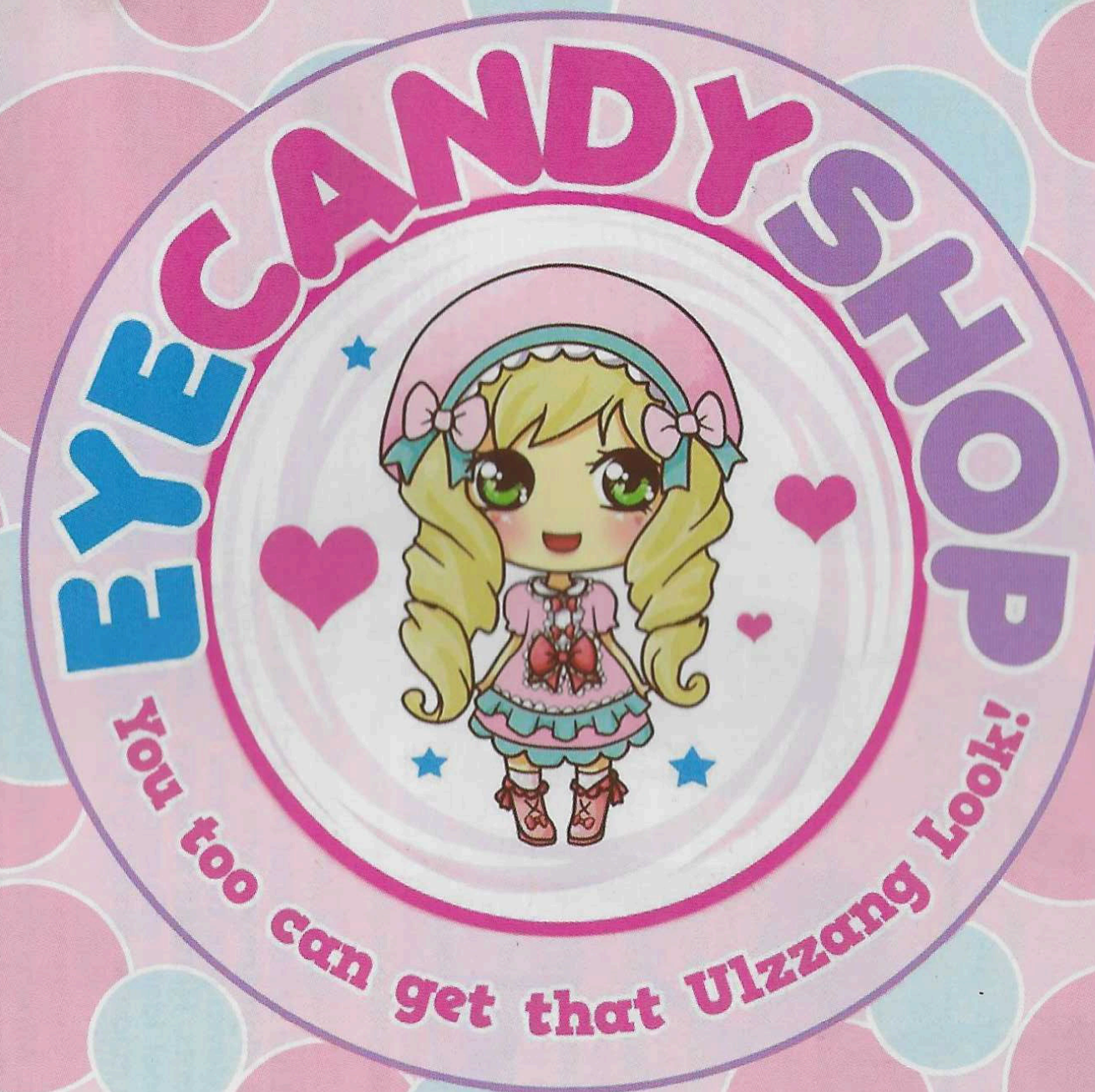
With the cutest figure base I've ever seen, we are very much excited for this one.



This particular Zakemashi figure is an original design my E2046. They made an awesome job with her pose, facial expression (I really do like that blush) and base. They even made sure to add little Rensouhou-chan hanging by her leg. No other figure captures the cuteness that she has.

Fans and collectors should hurry because she's a limited supply~

- 5/5 **Sculpting** - The sculpt is very soft and smooth which went very well with the cutesy theme of the figure.
- 5/5 **Paint** - Her skin is perfect and she evn has a light blush on her cheeks. The base was also well painted with that small splash of water and a little rusting of the ship.
- 5/5 **Packaging** - She's in
- 4/5 **Value** - You'll just have to think about the shipping fee. She's definitely worth it.



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by Yuni

## School idol project

Muse music start! Love Live School Idol Project is a story of students of Otonokizaka High School who wants to save their school from shutting down due to the low number of enrollees. One of the students, Honoka Kousaka comes up with a plan: becoming school idols. Influenced by A-Rise, a group of school idols which made its school, UTX Highschool popular among enrollees.

Honoka and her friends, *Minami Kotori* and *Sonoda Umi* persuaded and encouraged their schoolmates to join the idol club. Together, they have a total of nine members and they are called *Muse* (μ).



## MEMBERS:



**Kousaka Honoka**  
(voiced by Nitta Emi)



**Ayase Eri**  
(voiced by Nanjo Yoshino)



**Minami Kotori**  
(voiced by Uchida Aya)



**Sonoda Umi**  
(voiced by Mimori Suzuko)



**Hoshizora Rin**  
(voiced by Iida Riho)



**Nishikino Maki**  
(voiced by Pile)



**Toujou Nozomi**  
(voiced by Kusuda Aina)



**Koizumi Hanayo**  
(voiced by Kubo Yurika)



**Yazawa Niko**  
(voiced by Tokui Sora)

μ is a Japanese idol group that was formed in the year 2010 under Lantis Co., Ltd; a Japanese record label that publishes anime and game soundtracks. The voice actresses themselves are the members of the idol group. However, the group's name was not revealed in their first Live Concert: *Bokura no LIVE Kimi to no LIFE* which happened last August 2010. The name was revealed and released in November 2010 which was decided through a cellphone poll by the fans. So far, the group has released 16 singles: *Kira-Kira Sensation!*/ *Happy Maker!* as the latest one. They have also announced that there will be a fan meeting in the year 2015 on selected locations all over Japan. It will be held in the following places: Hokkaido, Tohoku/ Miyagi Prefecture, Tokyo Metropolitan Area, Chiba Prefecture, Kanagawa Prefecture, Tokai Region/ Nagano Prefecture, Tokai/ Aichi Prefecture, Kansai/ Osaka, Chugoku/ Hiroshima Prefecture and at Kyushu/ Fukuoka.

μ's songs are really upbeat and catchy. Once you've started listening to one of their singles, you can't stop knowing all of their other songs. Their dances are also great! They perfectly synchronize with the song and with one another. It will really not be a waste of time in following them and their songs.

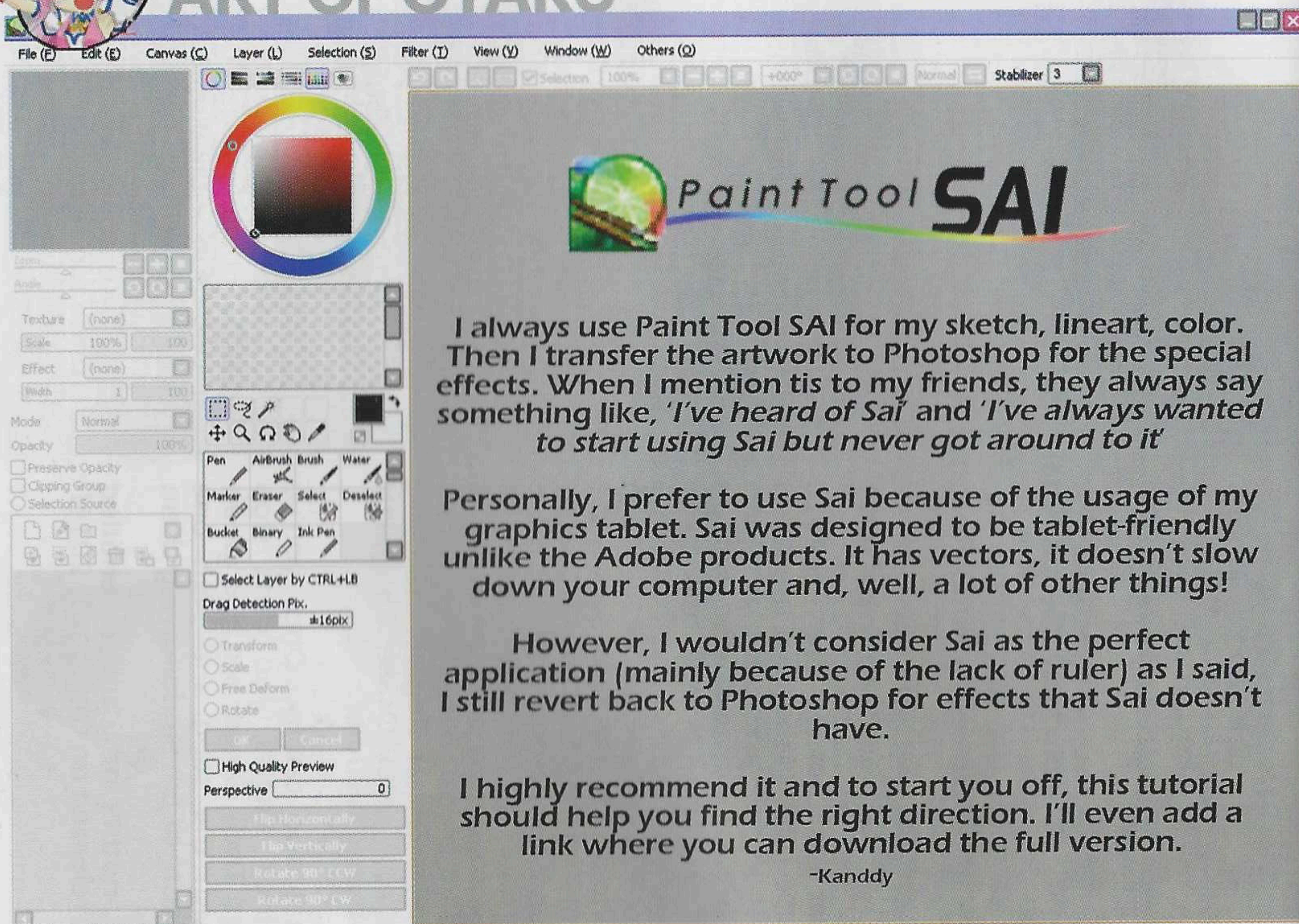
Lets look forward to their another new single entitled *Shangri-La Shower* as it will be released on October 1, 2014!

## Bokura wa Ima no Naka de

Massugu na omoi ga minna wo musubu  
Honki demo bukiyou Butsukariau kokoro  
Sore demo mitai yo Ookiku na yume wa  
Koko ni aru yo Hajimatta bakari (Wakatteru)  
Tanoshii dake ja nai Tamesareru darou (Wakatteru)  
Datte sono kurushisa mo mirai (Iku n da yo)  
Atsumattara tsuyoi jibun ni natteku yo  
(Kitto ne) Kawaritsudzukete (We'll be star!)  
Sorezore ga suki na koto de ganbareru nara  
Atarashii (Basho ga) GOORU da ne  
Sorezore no suki na koto wo shinjite ireba  
Tokimeki wo (Daite) Susumeru darou  
(Kowagaru kuse wa sutetechae) Tobikiri no egao de  
(Tonde tonde takaku) Bokura wa ima no naka de  
Kangaeru dake yori minna de hashirou  
Ashita wa mikansei Yosou dekinai chikara  
Sore nara okoru yo kiseki wa hitsuzen  
Kore kara da yo Nani mo kamo zenbu ga (Wakatteru)

Kanashii toki ni koso Ue wo muite miyou (Wakatteru)  
Motto subarashiku nare sekai (Hoshii n da yo)  
Kagayaki wo mune ni yadoshitai kara  
(Gutto ne) Kisoiaou yo (We can fly!)  
Furikaeru hima nante nai ne Sonna kibun sa  
Hirogaru yo (Kimi to) Doko made mo  
Furikaeru hima nante nai to kanjite iru yo  
Shigeki he no (Kitai) Moriagatteku (Yowaki na boku ni sayonara) Kesanaide egao de  
(Tonde tonde takaku) Bokura to ima no naka wo  
Yume ga ookiku naru hodo (Tamesareru darou)  
Mune no atsusa de norikire (Boku no ondo wa)  
Atsui kara (Atsusugite) Tomaranai Mubou na kake? Kachi ni ikou!  
Sorezore ga suki na koto de ganbareru nara  
Atarashii (Basho ga) GOORU da ne  
Sorezore no suki na koto wo shinjite ireba  
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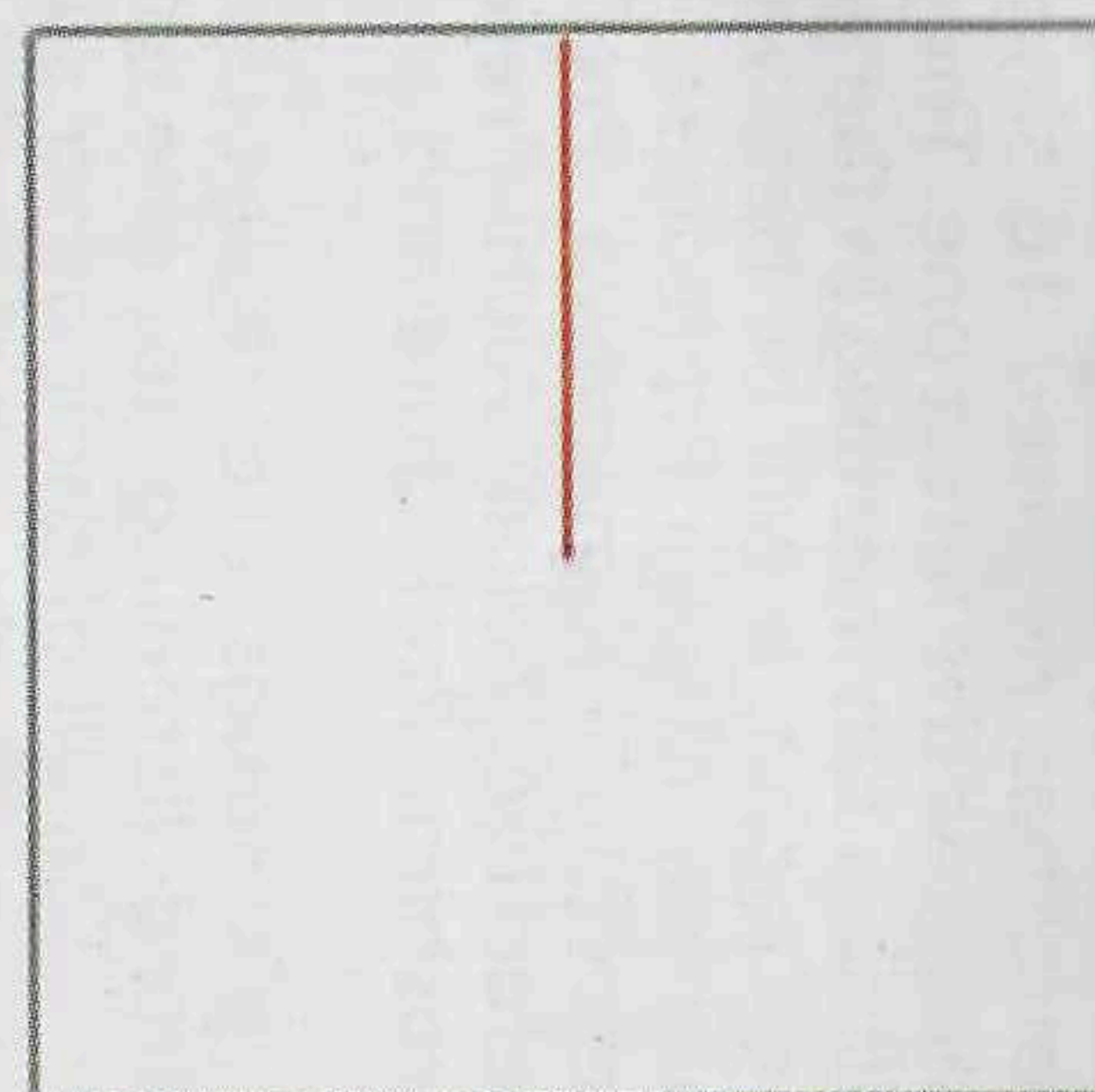
I always use Paint Tool SAI for my sketch, lineart, color. Then I transfer the artwork to Photoshop for the special effects. When I mention this to my friends, they always say something like, 'I've heard of Sai' and 'I've always wanted to start using Sai but never got around to it'

Personally, I prefer to use Sai because of the usage of my graphics tablet. Sai was designed to be tablet-friendly unlike the Adobe products. It has vectors, it doesn't slow down your computer and, well, a lot of other things!

However, I wouldn't consider Sai as the perfect application (mainly because of the lack of ruler) as I said, I still revert back to Photoshop for effects that Sai doesn't have.

I highly recommend it and to start you off, this tutorial should help you find the right direction. I'll even add a link where you can download the full version.

-Kanddy



### Canvas Navigator

Zoom 100.0%  
Angle +000°

**Zoom:** Out (Ctrl+ -), In (Ctrl+ +), Reset (Ctrl+ 0)

**Angle/Rotation:** Counter-clockwise (End), Clockwise (Delete), Reset (Insert)

Texture (none)

**Texture:** You may install textures from the net and adjust the settings

Scale 100% 20

**Effect and effect settings**

Effect (none)

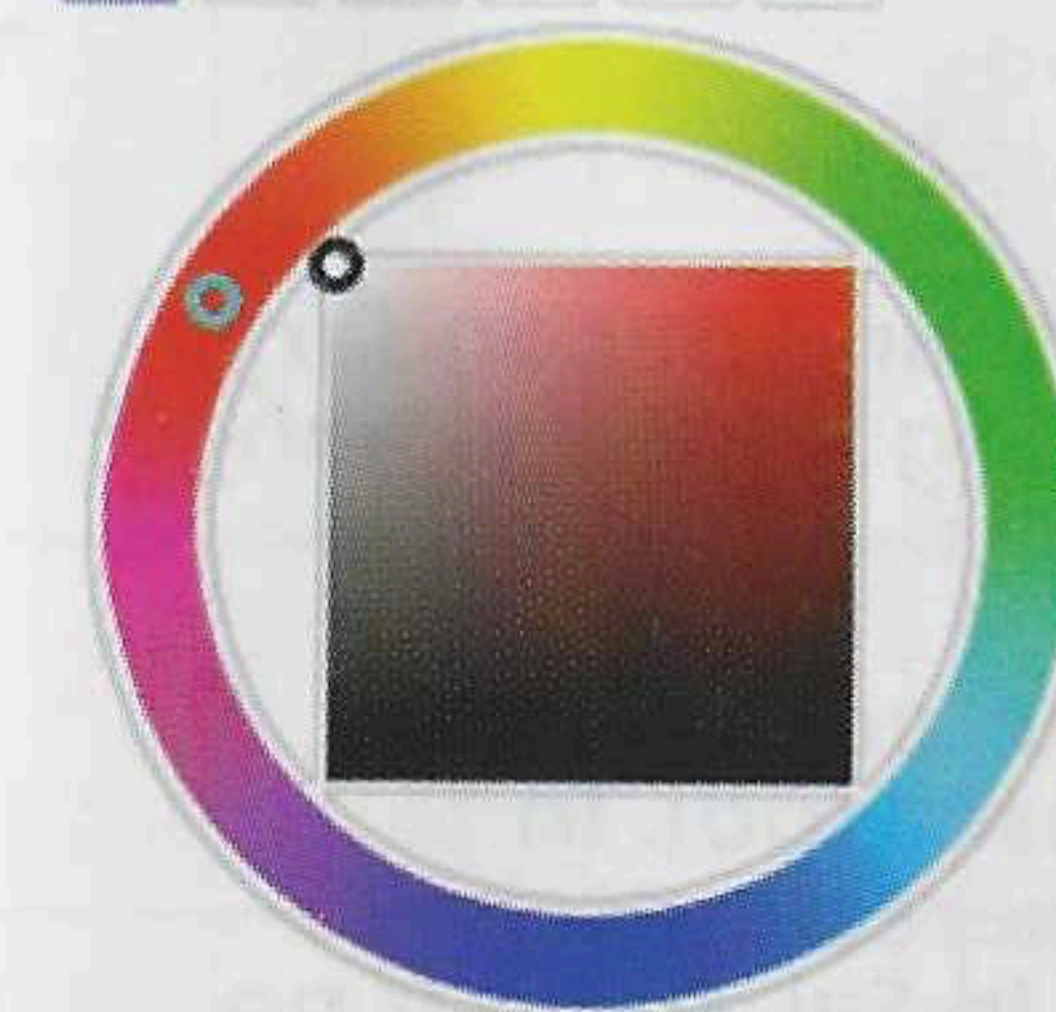
Width 1 100

Mode Normal

**Mode:** multiply, screen, overlay...

Opacity 100%

**Opacity:** transparency



This is one of the best things Sai has to offer. An actual color wheel. You don't have to open a popup window just for colors, it's already right there!

You're welcome



Phew, thanks Sai!  
We'll go through this one by one.

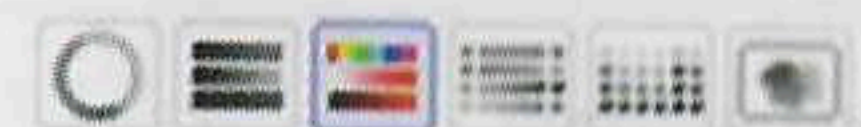
We'll go through this one by one.

There are six small buttons at the top. The first one opens the Hue wheel + Saturation/ Value selector box. This is the most conveniently used. The circles are slidable and easy to control.



R 250  
G 250  
B 250

The second one opens the RGB levels (red, green, blue). Though you can't input the numbers, the slide control will help you find the right color. The range is from 000 to 255.



H 5:004  
S 096  
V 114

The third one opens the HSV levels (hue, saturation, value). Tricky for everyone else so I very rarely see anyone use this.



The fourth button opens the Color Mixer. This one is pretty neat. You can select a color from the ones above, click on the boxes on the far right and left of the sliders and Sai will do the mixing for you. It's nothing like Gradient from Photoshop but here, you can select a color in the middle of the mix, a.k.a. the **Interpolated Color**.



Swatches open when you click the fifth button. This is a must-use. Here you can save your colors like skin tones, hair and eye colors. You only have to right click a box and choose "Set"

\*Remember to do this while the color you're going to place is selected as your primary color.

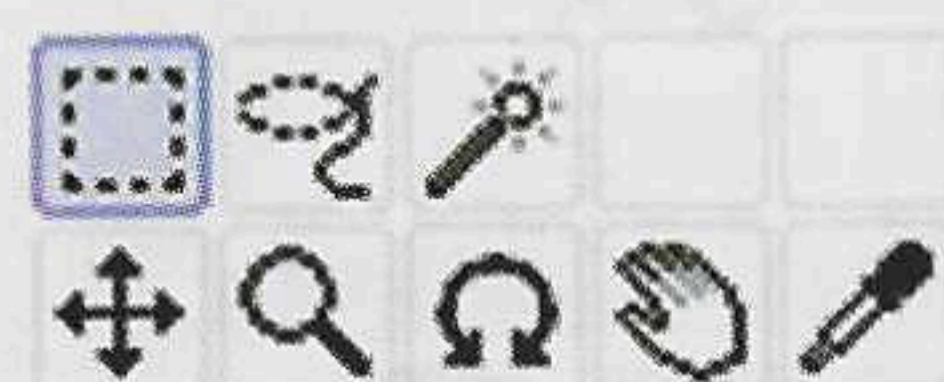
Cancel (X)

Set (S)



The last but definitely not the least is the Scratchpad. This opens up a small white 'pad' where you can first try your color or brush before actually using it in your artwork.





There are some things that would look similar to the Photoshop interface.

Top: Selection, Lasso, Magic Wand  
Bottom: Move, Zoom, Rotate, Hand, Color Picker



On the left we have the **Primary and Secondary color**. As with Photoshop, clicking x will exchange the primary and secondary colors.

Then there's a small grey checkered box. This works as the **background eraser tool**. In photoshop, you have the checkered pattern to illustrate an empty workspace. In Sai, there is no such thing, only white.

There are the default brushes you'll be having after downloading Sai. You can download from the internet and in time, maybe make your own!

Pen

Personally, I use the Pen (N) for lineart. It's very smooth, easily controllable and tablet-friendly.

Airbrush

Airbrush (B) can serve as your shadowing.

Brush

I have never used Brush (V). I've deleted it in my Sai. It's just one of those default brushes.

Marker

Marker is useful for when I do effects in Sai. In shine and shadows.

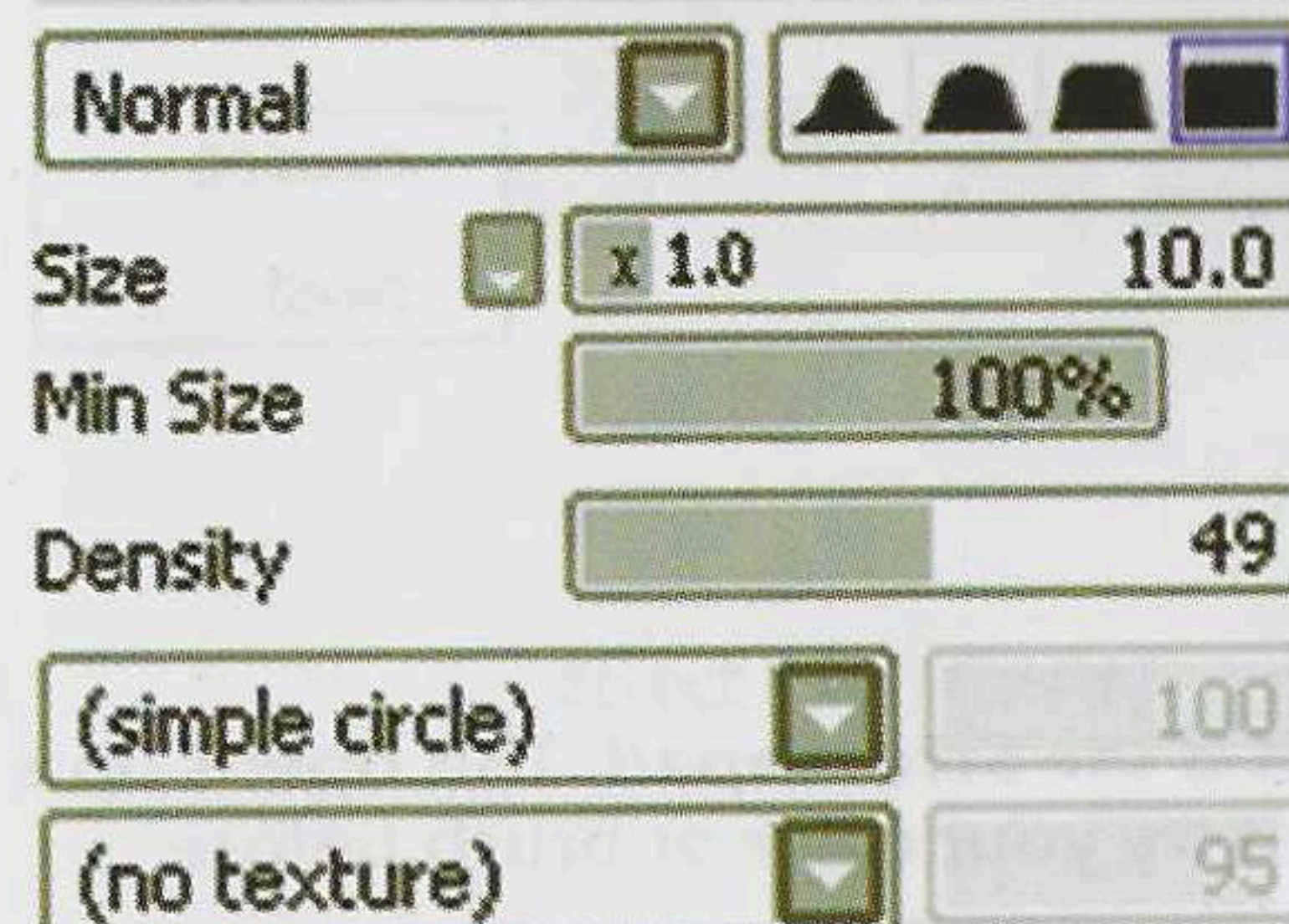
Binary

Binary is also an unused tool for me. I heard people use them to make artwork that look like it was made in MSPaint. I say why not use MSPaint in the first place?

Ink Pen

Ink pen is somewhat like the Pen brush except much smaller and lighter in shade.

This is where you start personalizing your brushes. Drawing Mode: *Normal, Multiply*.



**Edge Shape:** Imagine your brushes as the tip of a marker and these are the tips of the marker.

Size can be x0.1, x1.0 and x5.0 and you can use the slider to adjust your brush size from 1 to 100.

Min. Size defines the smallest size of the pen tip.

Density almost acts like the opacity of your brush.

\*I'll explain brush shape and brush texture next time



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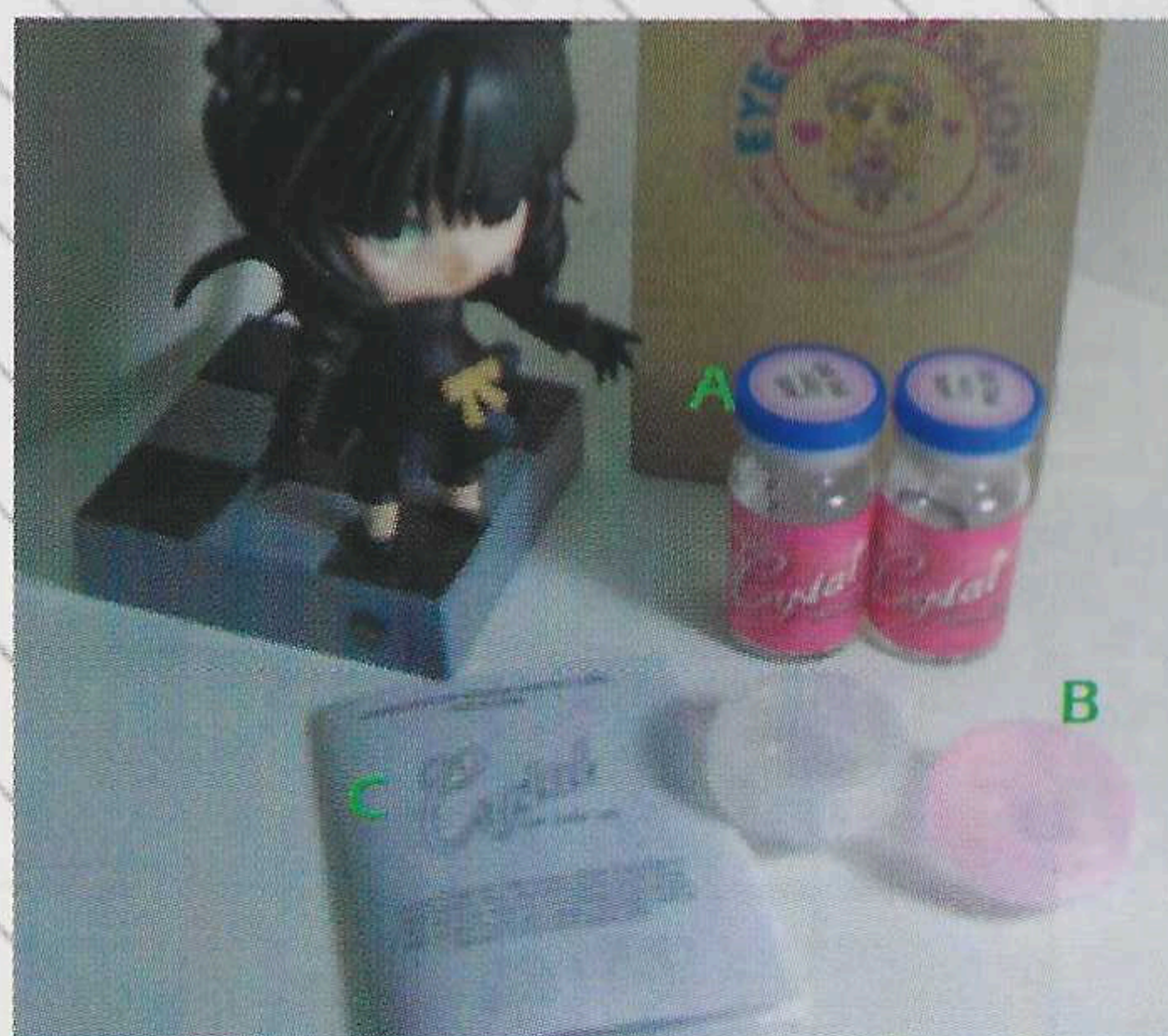


## THE WAYS OF THE LENSES

with Eye Candy Shop  
and  
Dead Master

If you remember, there was a trending news in Facebook of a woman from Taiwan who wore her contacts for too long which resulted in blindness.

Of course we don't want our readers to be misinformed about contacts! We want you to have healthy eyes to read the magazine! So we asked Eye Candy Shop to teach us the ways of the lens.



Eye Candy Shop products can be browsed online on their Facebook like page: [www.facebook.com/iCandyShop](https://www.facebook.com/iCandyShop) and you can contact **Toni Fernando** at +639173871187 (no calls please)

The contact lens will be inside a small paper bag with the following:

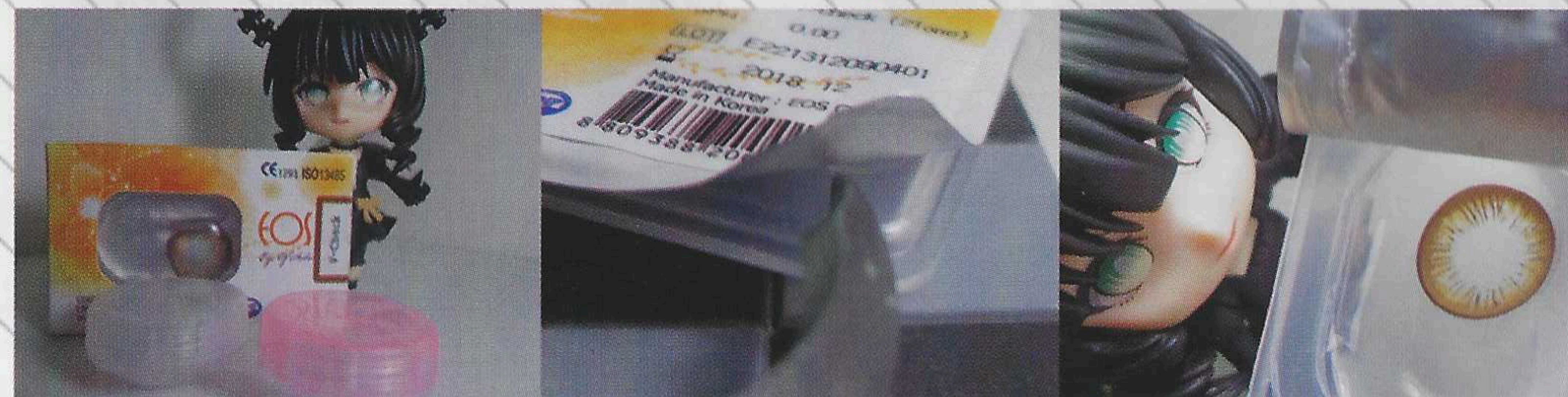
- A) **2 Lens bottles** - one for each eye. Recently, EOS brand has a new packaging that we'll introduce later.
- B) **1 Lens case**
- C) **Manual booklet** - some brands don't come with instructions.

For today, we'll open the Crystal lens: Jade Grey.

\*Make reading a habit



Locate the arrow on the bottle. This is where you push up the cap and peel off the deadly sharp metal thing. **Be careful not to cut yourself.**



Now here's the new EOS packaging. This is made of plastic so its not as fragile. It is also much easier to open. **Be careful not to spill the contents while peeling it open.**



Now for the solutions usually available:

- A) **Fashion Look** - 3-in-one (for cleaning, soaking and eye drops)
- B) **Septoclen** - special *sticky* formula ONLY for CLEANING
- C) **Dream Eye** - All-in-one. Only for soft contact lens

**Take note of the following:**

\* Lenses MUST be soaked in solution for at least 3 hours before using. The liquid that is in the packaging is a kind of preservative which is not good for the eyes.

\* Clean your hands before handling lenses.

\* Do not touch the tip of the solution bottle.

### Drying!

You need a clean palm. Pour the contents of the bottle to your palm and carefully tilt your hand to pour the excess liquid off.

### Washing!

Put 3-5 drops of your solution to the lens. Note that Septoclen is sticky and a tougher solution. You'll notice the lens react a bit.

### Cleaning!

With another clean finger, rub the lens GENTLY for 10-15 seconds (sing the first lines of 'Unravel' opening song of Tokyo Ghoul)

### Soaking!

Now we transfer the lens to the lens case with a good amount of solution for 3 hours minimum. Soaking it overnight is best.



That's it! Next time we'll talk about the shop itself, **Eye Candy Shop** which is also the trusted brand of our very own Liui Aquino.

Thank you to Toni and Eye Candy Shop! We got so many lenses from them. We'll write a review soon~



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## THE LEGENDARY BATTOUSAI VISITS PH!

by Yani

Last August 6, 2014, the red carpet premiere of the movie, **Rurouni Kenshin: Kyoto Inferno** was held at the SM Megamall Event Center. Hundreds of fans attended the event to see director Keishi Otomo and actors Takeru Satoh (who plays title character Kenshin Himura), Emi Takei (Kaoru Kamiya) and Munetaka Aoki (Sanosuke Sagara). Some of the fans were already there as early as 1pm and by 6pm, the area was already crowded. Some were lucky enough to get a pass to the premiere from the SM Cinema Facebook page contests days before the event. They had their own booth in front of the stage.



Red Carpet Premiere at SM Megamall

When the stars of the night finally arrived, loud cheers and screams were heard from the crowd. Some fans even cosplayed characters from the movie to show their love to Rurouni Kenshin and how truly a fan they are. Some even brought samurai sword props and samurai sword umbrellas which they raised up when the stars walked by.



Press Conference at Glorietta

The director and the cast members were really nice to the fans because aside from waving to them with a smile and gratitude, they even shook hands and sign autographs for crowd!

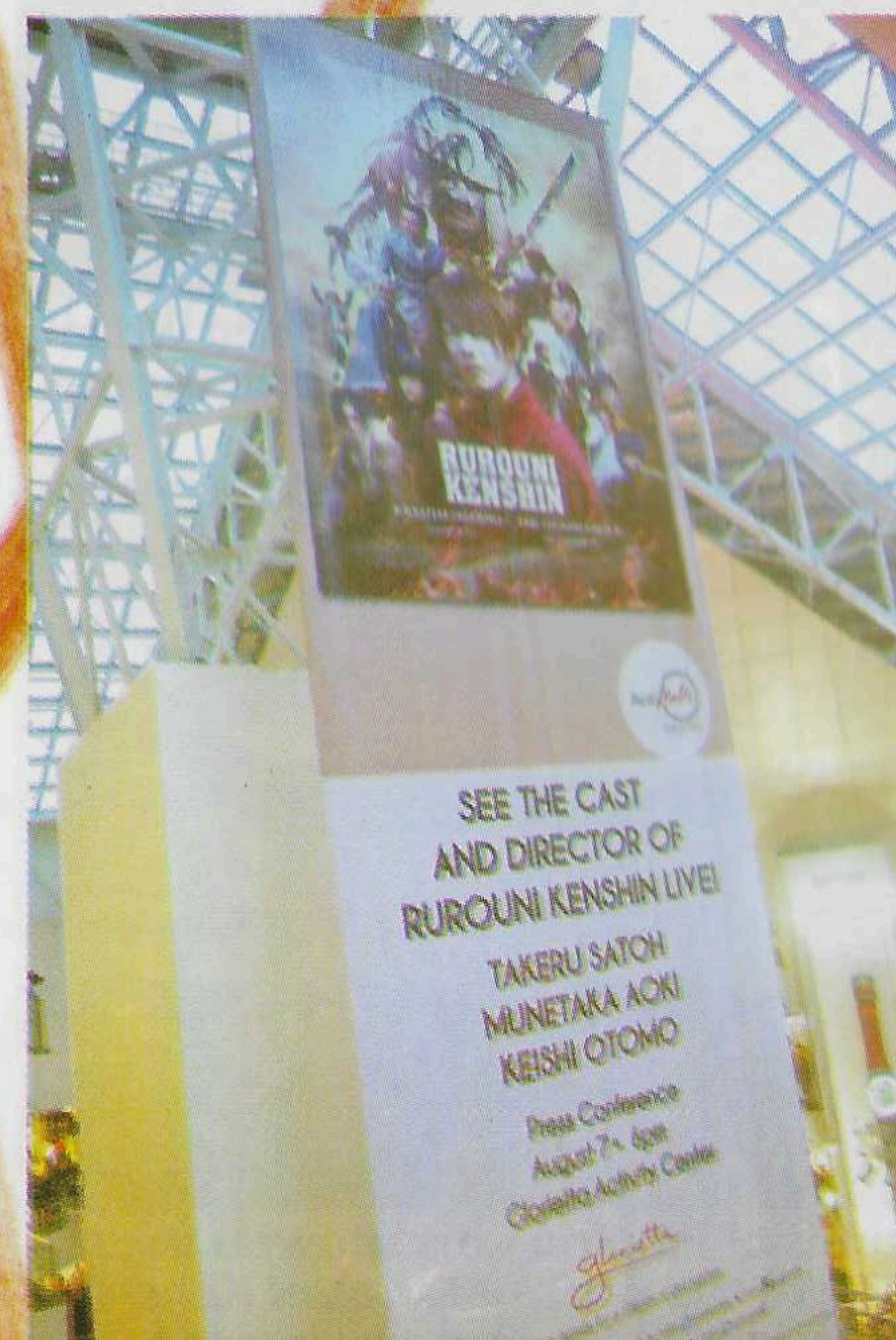
Tarpoulines of the movie is all over Metro Manila. Aside from the posters on SM Cinemas and Glorietta, some of them are found on billboards along Edsa, LRT 2 and Makati underground tunnel.

Cosplayer Jin Joson was also invited in the event to cosplay as Kenshin Himura to represent the Philippines together with her friends who also cosplayed characters from the franchise.

A press conference was held the next day, August 7, at the Glorietta Activity Center. Again, hundreds of fans came and those who were able to get a pass inside the event got to ask questions for the cast and the director themselves. Some of the fans who attended even came from far provinces like Davao City.

The two events went smoothly and it brought joy to the fans because it's rare to see Japanese stars here in the Philippines to promote their movies.

The movie screens on Philippine cinemas August 20.



Banner at Glorietta

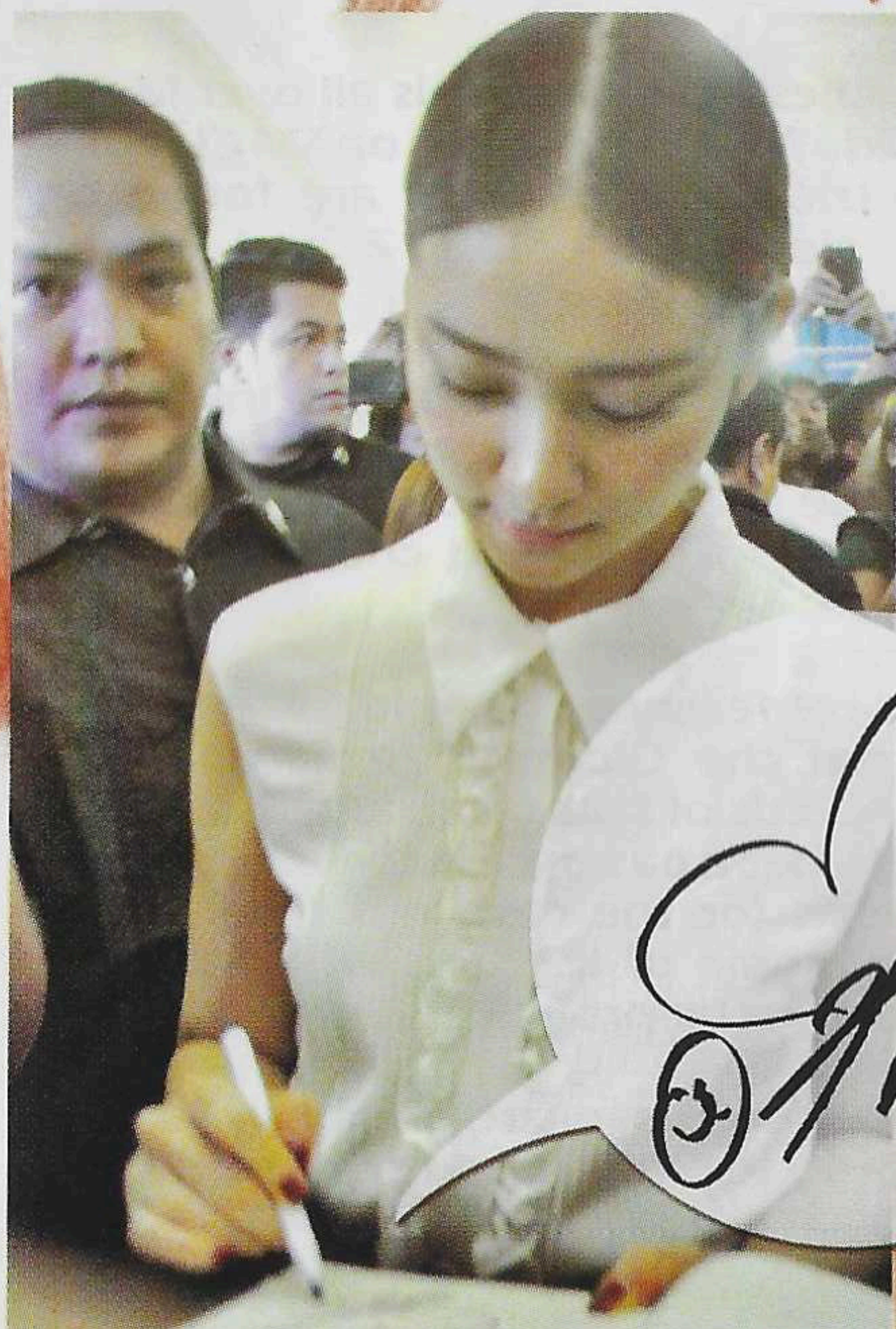


# るろうに剣心 RUROUNI KENSHIN EVENT MANILA, PH



Takeru Satoh (playing as Kenshin Himura) being flocked by fans and media as he make his way on the stage during the red carpet.

The Director of the film: Keishi Ohtomo Despite being heavy guarded from the fans, he still signed autographs from the crowd during the red carpet.



Emi Takei (playing as Kaoru Kamiya) also signed autographs, including ours!~



The trailer of the movie being viewed while waiting for the casts and the director during the red carpet



Thousands of Filipino fans showed their hospitality to the casts of Rurouni Kenshin Movie through their warm welcomes & by attending the event



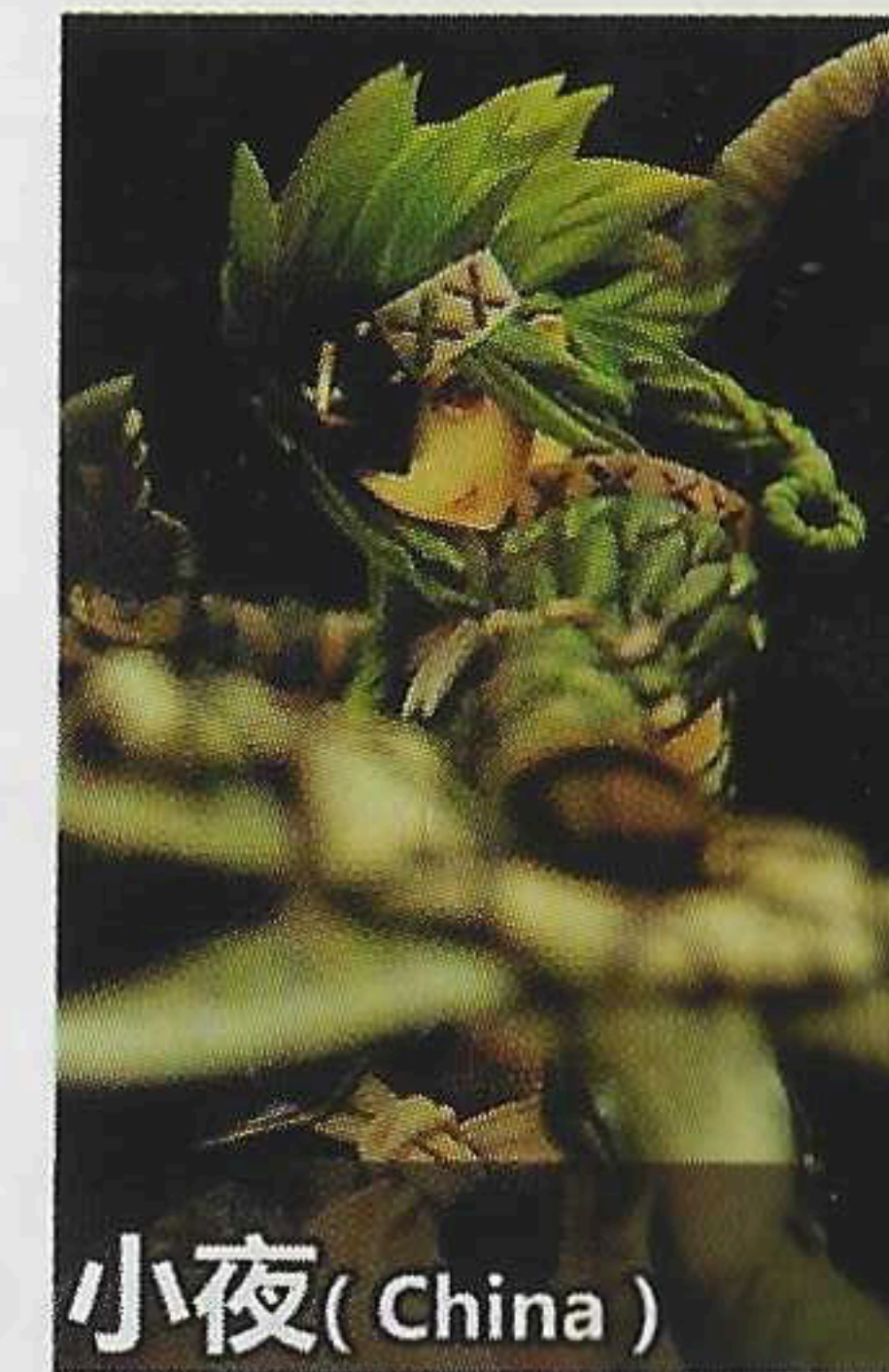
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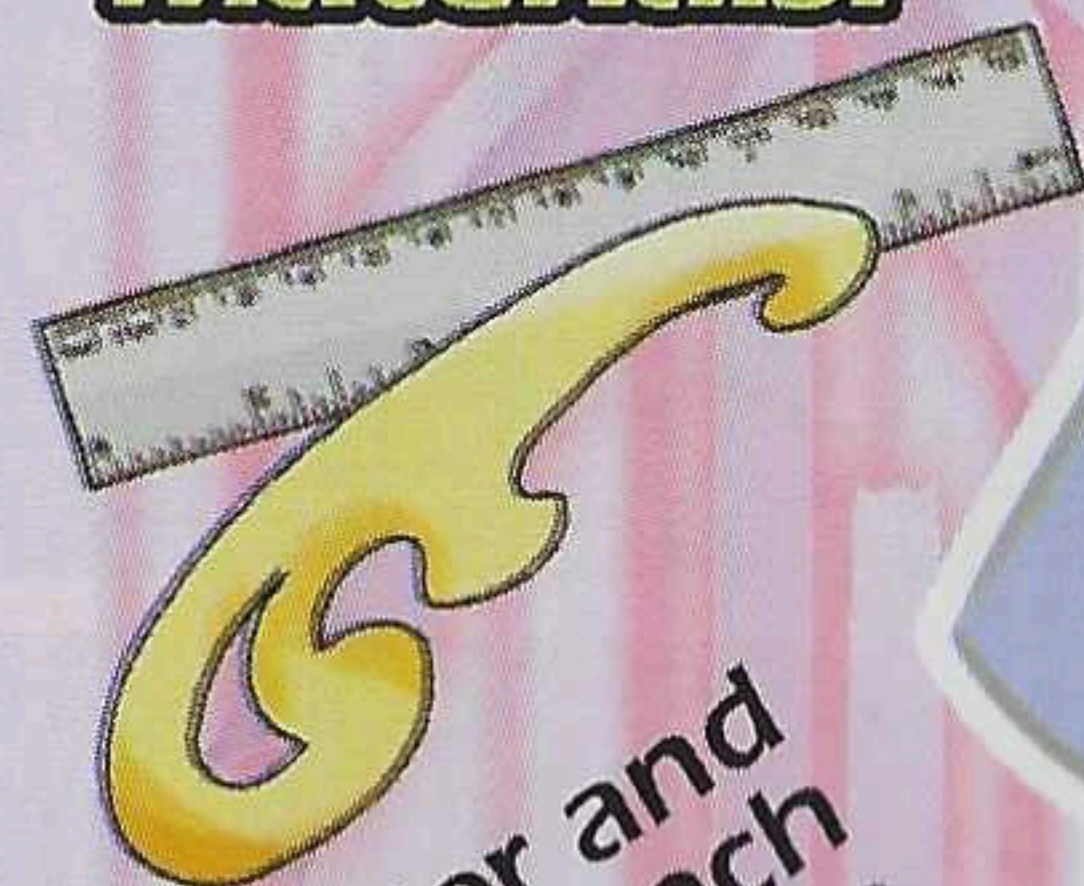




# DO IT YOURSELF

Tutorial by Ms. Bea of  
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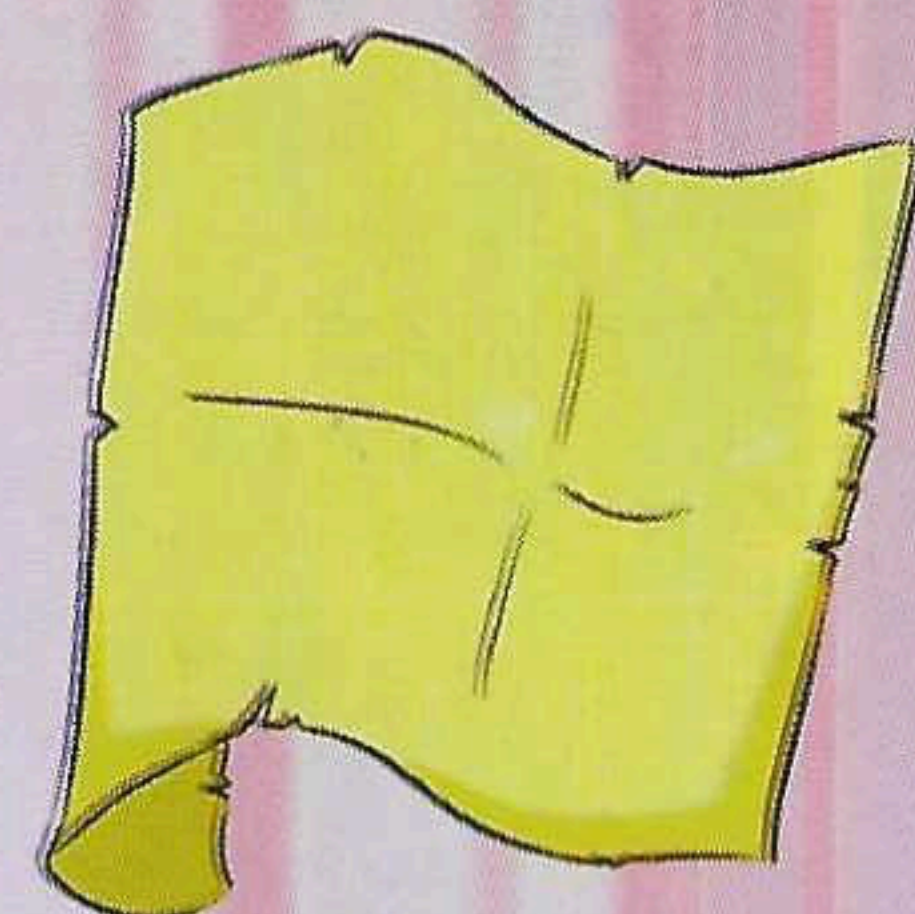
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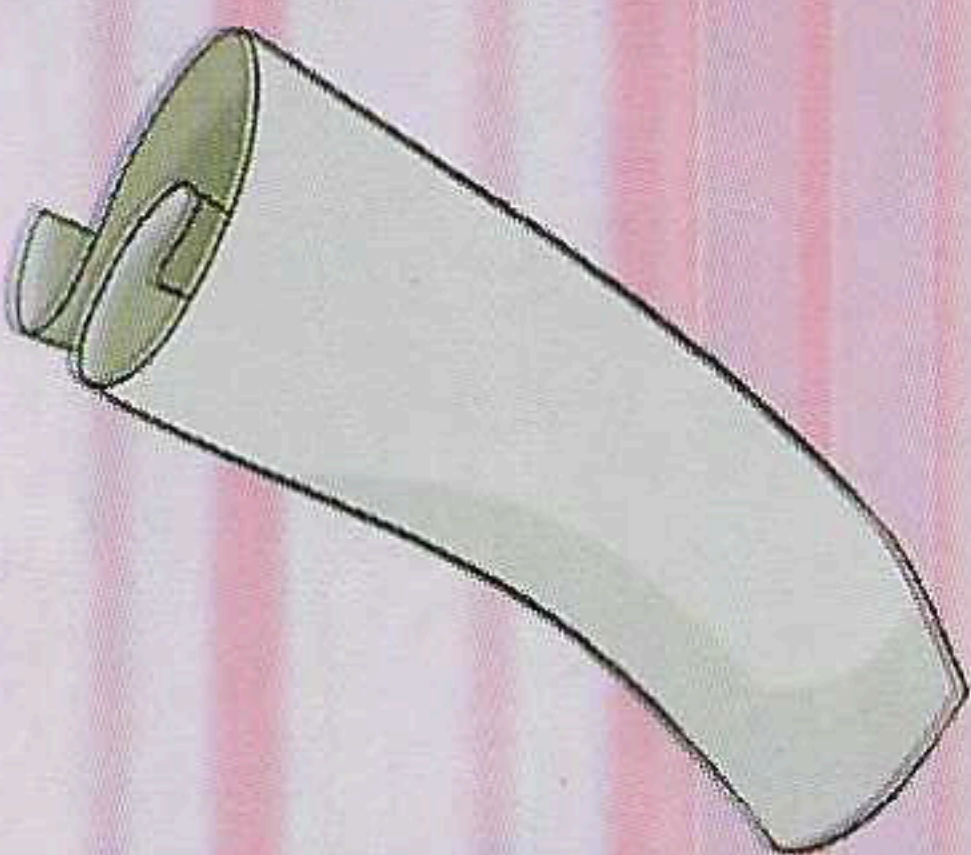
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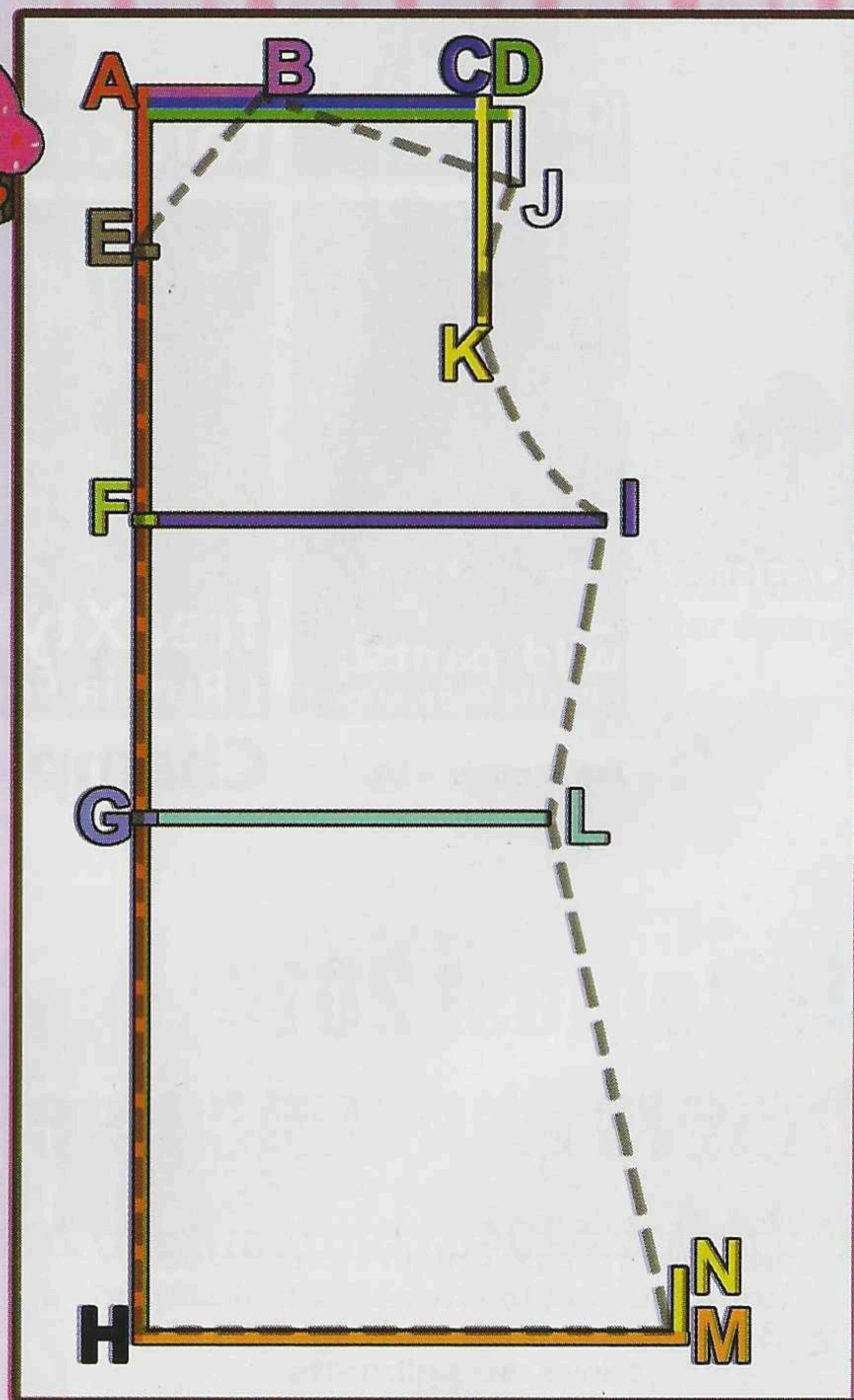
Old Manila  
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(For pattern  
drafting)



Fabric  
(amount  
depends on  
your size)



## Sailor uniform Pattern draft (Always leave an extra space on the sides of your pattern for allowance)



**Seifuku or Sailor uniform** is the most common outfit we see in anime. Cute, cool and breezy to wear, this is one of the easiest costumes to make, and probably the most popular we see cosplayers wear in a convention. Let's have a tutorial on how you can make your own seifuku.

# SAILOR UNIFORM

Contact number: 09057860625  
FB page: facebook.com/NekoZaeric



## COLOR GUIDES:



- A to B is 2 and 1/2 inches going to the right.
- A to C is 1/2 of the chest measurement going to the right, extend point C downward.
- A to D is 1/2 of the shoulder measurement width going to the right, extend point D downward.
- A to E is 3 inches downward
- A to F is 1/4 of the bust circumference downward, extend to the right.
- A to G is the front figure downward, extend point G to the right.
- A to H is the length of the blouse, extend point H to the right
- F to I is 1/4 of the bust circumference plus 1in. to 1 and 1/2 inches for the bust allowance going to the right.
- D to J is 1 and 1/2 inches shoulder slope.
- J to K is 4 inches diagonally on line C.
- G to L is 1/4 of the waistline circumference.
- H to M is 1/4 of the hip circumference.
- M to N is 1/2 upward for seam allowance.



1. Fold the fabric evenly~

2. Put the pattern on top~

3. Make sure there's enough allowance for each sides.

4. Cut out your fabric following your pattern~

This is how your fabric should look by now~ (folded into two)

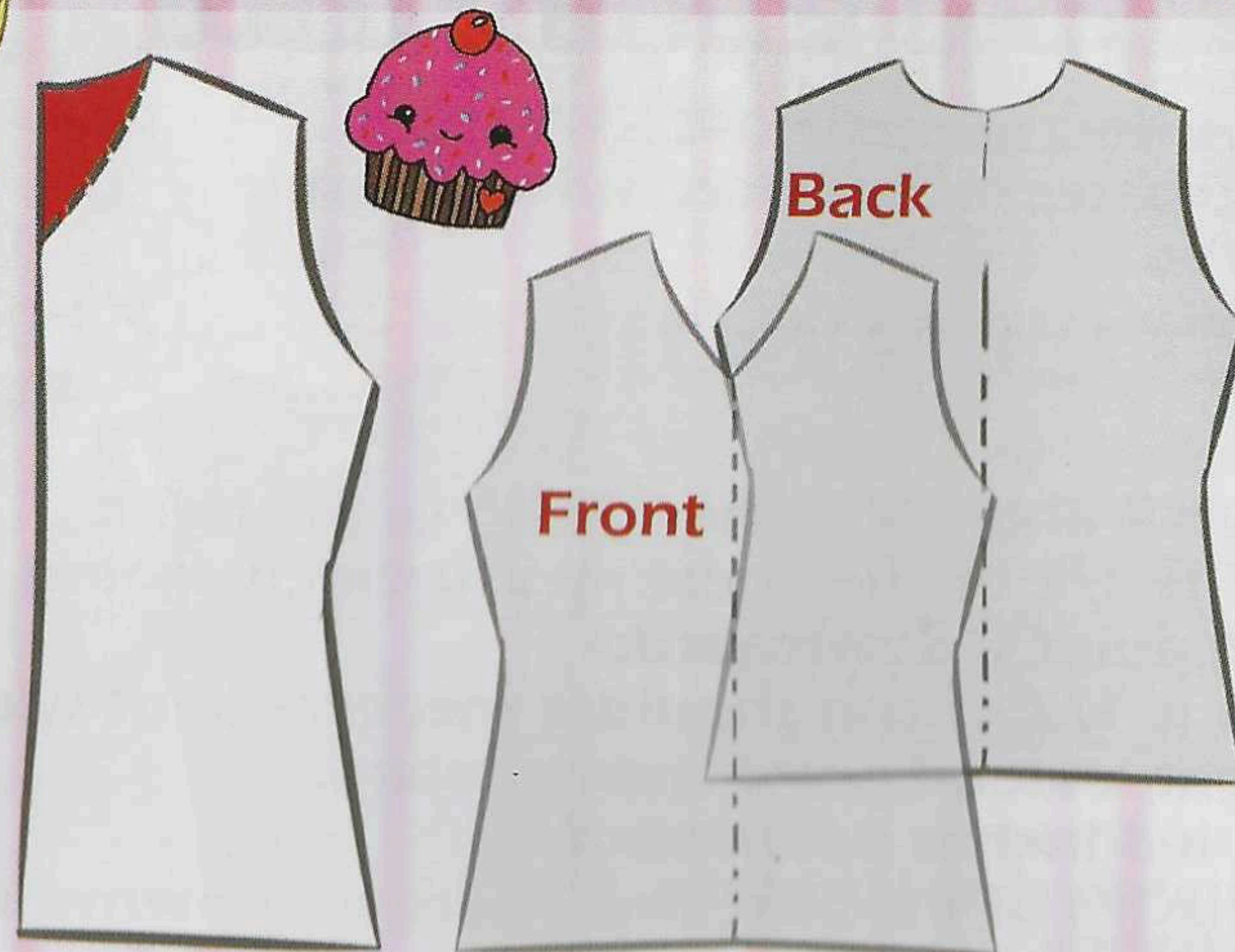
~and this is how it looks unfolded.

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# BACK PATTERN

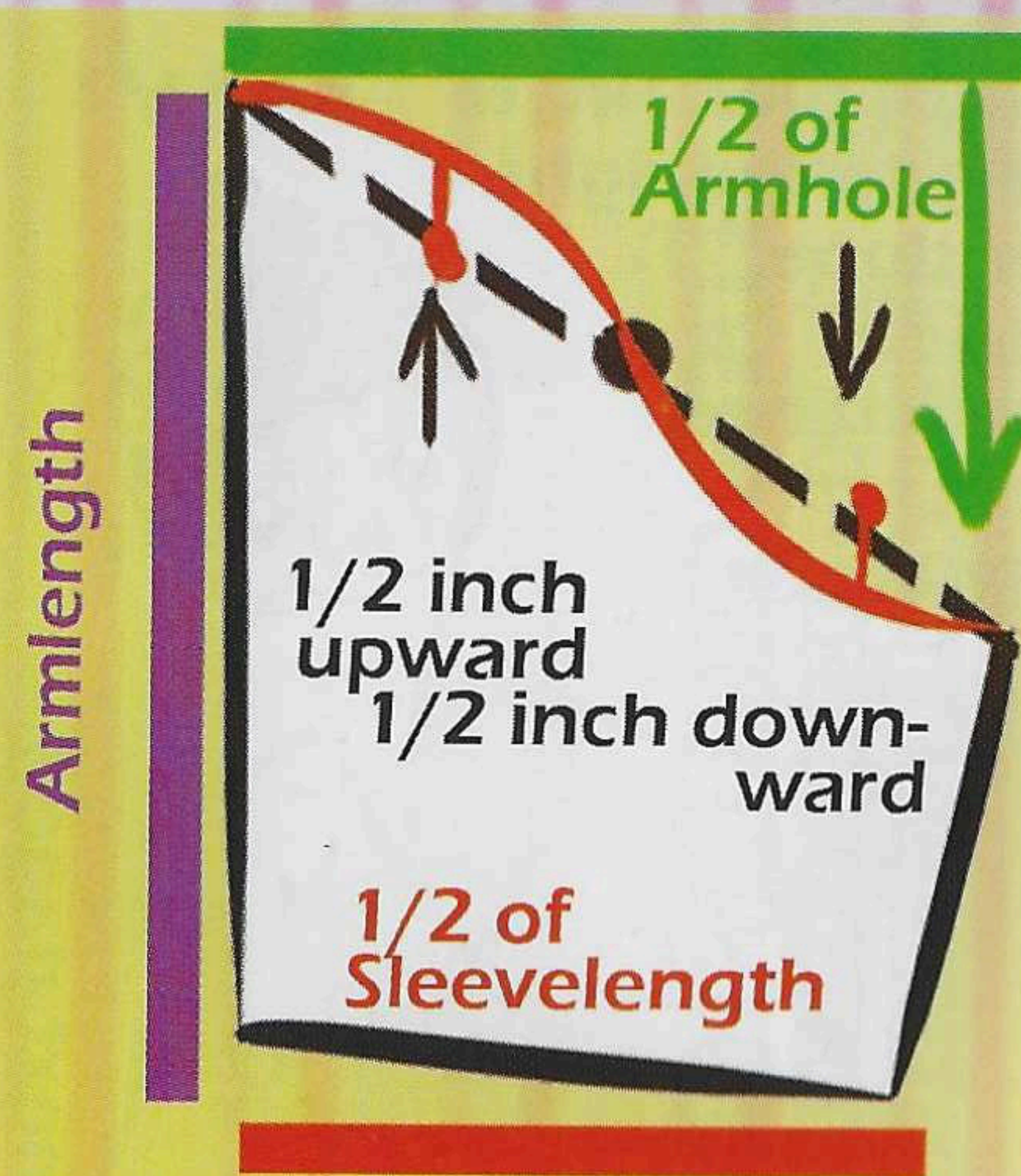
With the same figure of the front pattern, you can duplicate the cutouts but make the neck part higher than the front one.



## TIP:

You can also use the back pattern first then cut the neck line to make it a front one.

# SLEEVE PATTERN

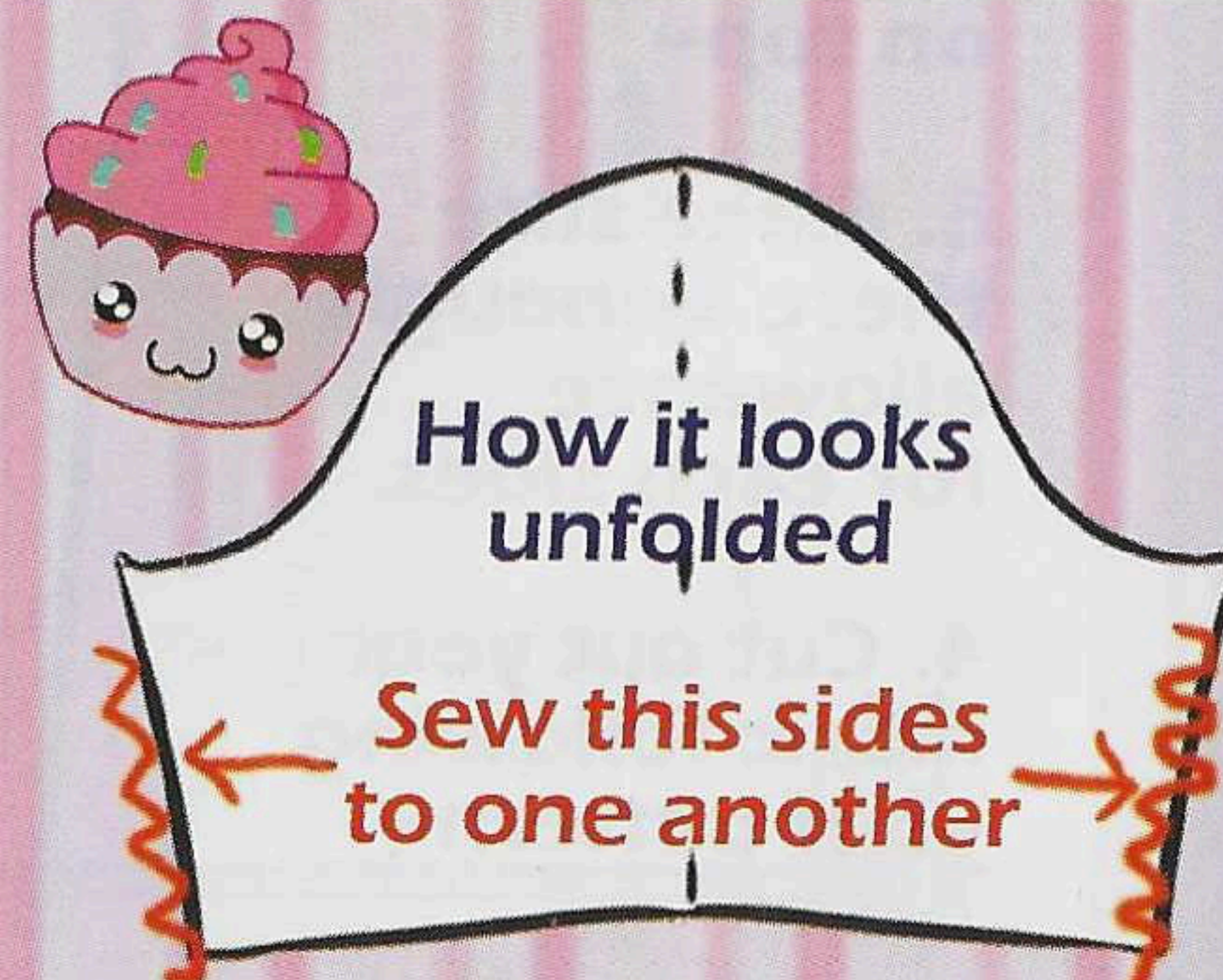


**Arm hole** -measure around the shoulder to the armpit.

**Arm Length** -length of arm from shoulder to the preferred sleeve.

**Sleeve hole** -circumference around the part where the opening of the sleeve is located.

**TIP:** From the starting tip of the armlength, mark 1/2 of the armhole measurement going to the right, extend the end point downward. Locate the middle point, add 1/2 inch upward to the one near the arm length and 1/2 inch downward on the shorter side. Connect the curve using a french curve or manually. Fold the fabric and cut the pattern.



# COLLAR PATTERN

Collar length

1/2 of Shoulder width

1/2 of Collar curve

Collar curve- from back of neck to how long you want your collar.  
Collar length-how long you want your collar at the back.  
Shoulder width-from one shoulder bone to the other.

How it looks unfolded

You can now add or sew the details on your collar such as ribbons, bias tapes or embroidered designs~

# SEW-SEW-SEW!

**REMEMBER!** Sew from the inside. Flip EVERYTHING inside. Double your stitches so the edges of the fabric won't have a thread run, otherwise it will leave a hole on your costume.

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# ソードアート・オンラインⅡ

## SWORD ART ONLINE II

by Yani



## Virtual Reality Games Saga continues

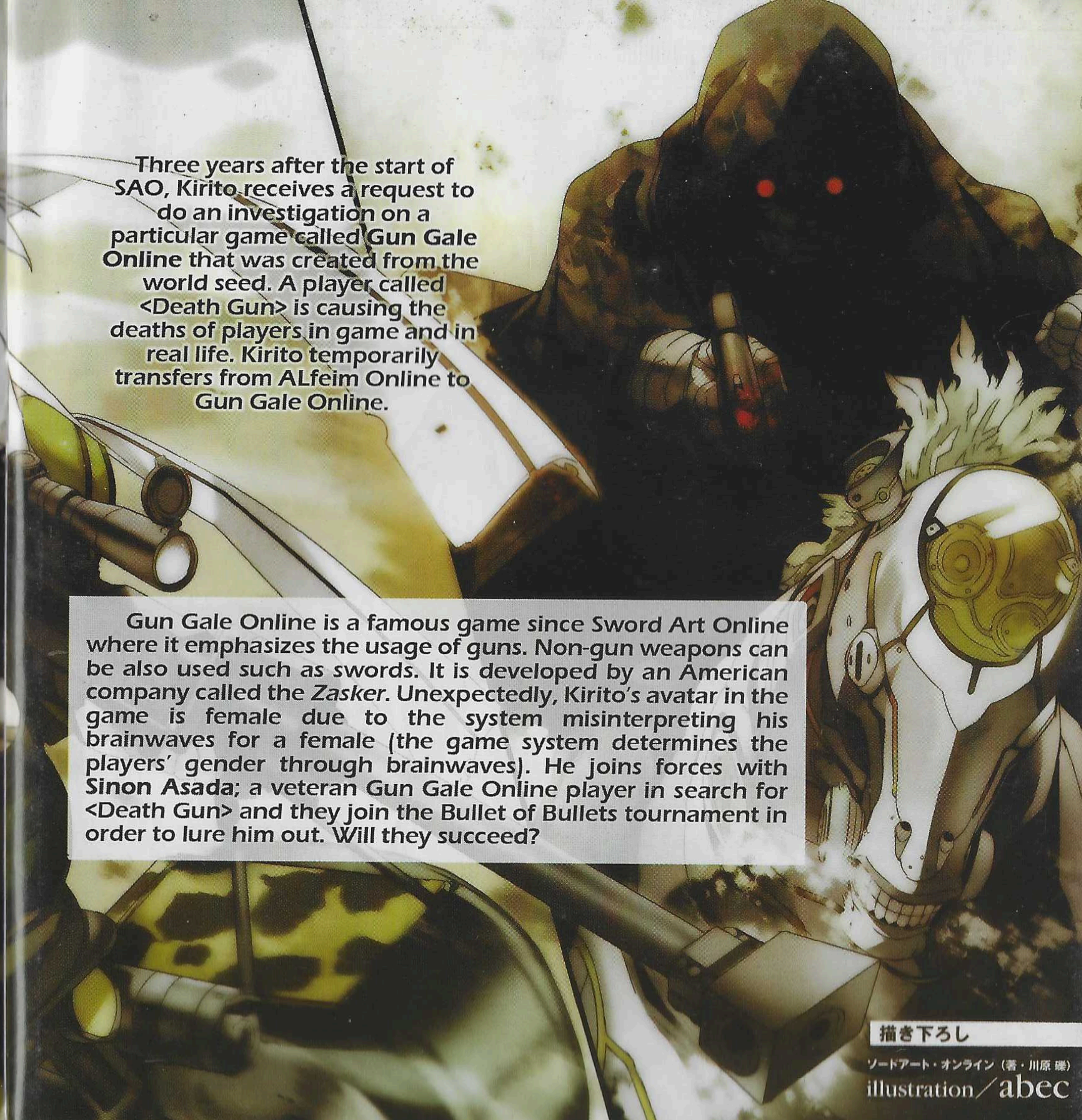
There are so many online games have been released nowadays. Each game has different genres, goals and purpose. One of the good things in online gaming is that you get to create a character of your choice, meet people, old or new and gain new friends across the country or even the world! You get to battle and face challenges together and overcome problems and difficulties together in the game. Sometimes, real life gets tougher than the game and Kirito is the kind of player who goes beyond the game to help his online friends with their real life problems.

Sword Art Online is the first Virtual Reality Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game that is famous throughout Japan in the year 2022 created by Akihiko Kayaba. It is played through the nerve gear. A nerve gear stimulates the user's 5 senses so the player can play and experience the game in virtual reality. Our hero, Kazuto Kirigaya, has a knack for computers since he was a kid. He is able to create computers, retrieve erased data and hack system files at a very young age. He played Sword Art Online (SAO) during the official launch.

Unknown to all, SAO has a unique feature wherein players cannot log out of the game until they reach the 100th floor. However, if players will die on the game before they reach the 100th floor, they will also die in the real world. Kirigaya, known as Kirito in-game, met many people throughout the game including Asuna Yuuki. They became lovers, helping him to reach the 100th floor and beat the final boss who is also the game creator, Akihiko Kayaba himself and thus freeing all the other players stuck in the game after 2 years.

Three years after the start of SAO, Kirito receives a request to do an investigation on a particular game called Gun Gale Online that was created from the world seed. A player called <Death Gun> is causing the deaths of players in game and in real life. Kirito temporarily transfers from ALfeim Online to Gun Gale Online.

Gun Gale Online is a famous game since Sword Art Online where it emphasizes the usage of guns. Non-gun weapons can be also used such as swords. It is developed by an American company called the Zasker. Unexpectedly, Kirito's avatar in the game is female due to the system misinterpreting his brainwaves for a female (the game system determines the players' gender through brainwaves). He joins forces with Sinon Asada; a veteran Gun Gale Online player in search for <Death Gun> and they join the Bullet of Bullets tournament in order to lure him out. Will they succeed?



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ソードアート・オンライン (著・川原 礒)  
illustration / abec

Unfortunately, 300 players of Sword Art Online haven't awakened yet and one of them is Asuna. There is a new game called ALfeim Online where Asuna was spotted to be in. Kirito decided to play the game to find her and was surprised that the game was quite similar to SAO. It turns out that the creator of ALO, Nobuyuki Sugo, transferred 300 players to his game to be experiment with. He is specifically interested in Asuna because of her influential family. He intends to take over their company. Sugo imprisoned Asuna but Kirito was able to save her and was

able to access the admin's privileges by using Akiba's username and password and thus turning Sugo's level of admin rights into lowest. He defeated Sugo and Akiba gave Kirito the *world seed*, which can create different VRMMORPG games. Kirito decided to share it across the world so that people can create and develop more VRMMORPG games for people to enjoy.

All minors who were victims of the VRMMORPG incident were transferred to a special school called SAO Survivor School.



# CHARACTERS



## Asada Shino

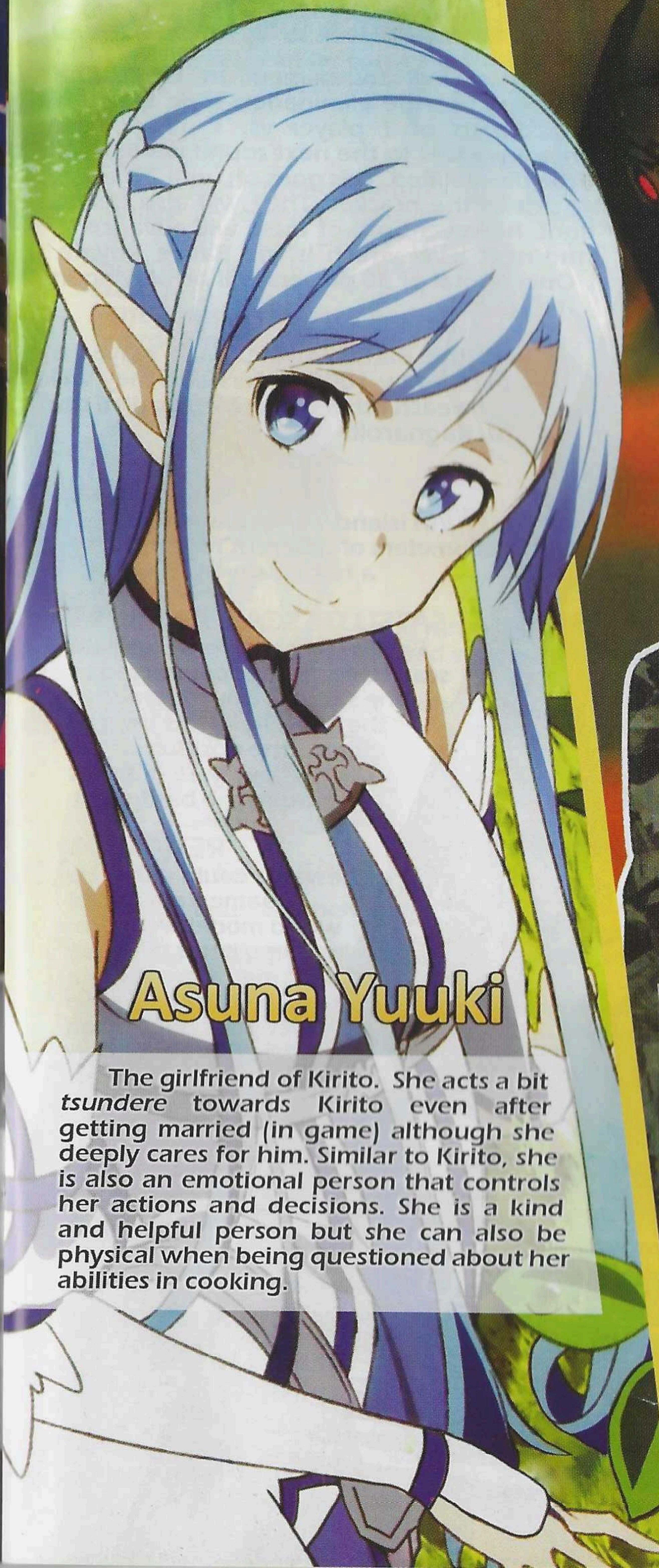
Her IGN is "Shinon". A calm and cool person as described by everybody even in battle. She is admired by her party members because of it. She also has a violent temper once angered. Kirito was the first one who was able to do this. She is also seen to have the best interaction with him. She looks hard to approach however, she's actually kind and friendly. Her weapon in GGO is the PGM Ultima Ratio Hecate II which is along ranged sniper rifle that can penetrate vehicles and buildings.



## Kirigaya Kazuto

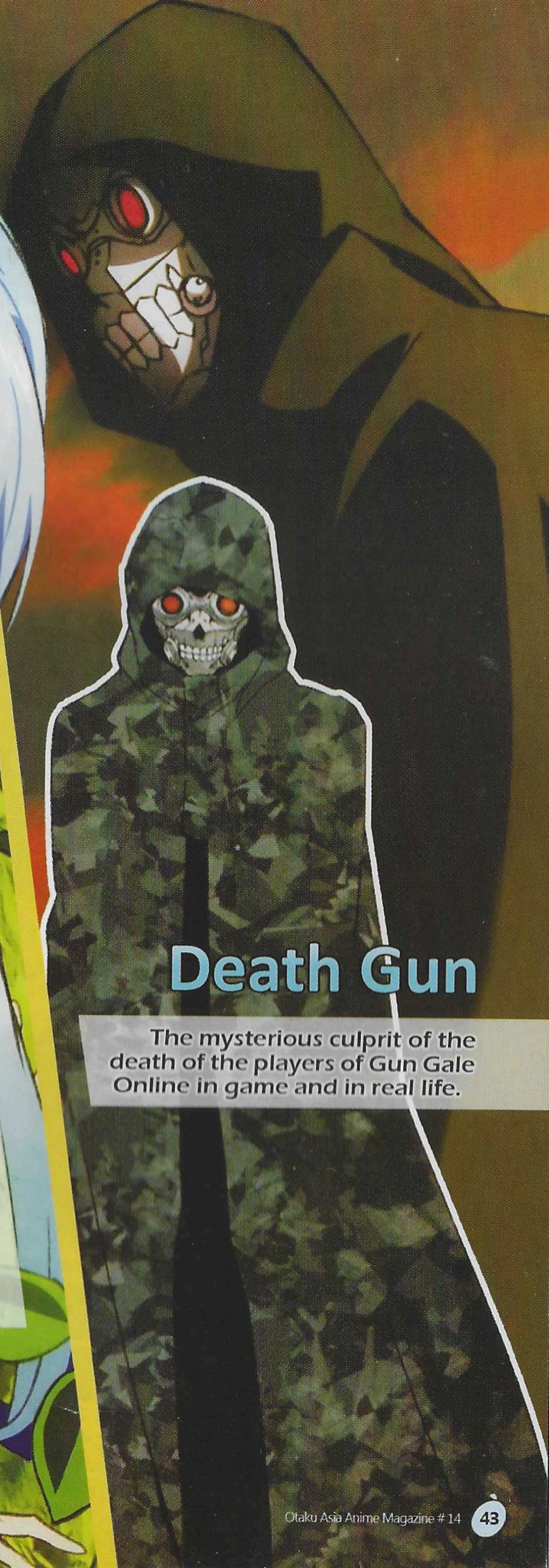
He is known to many as "Kirito", his IGN. He is known as a hero because he finished the Sword Art Online Game, freeing the other gamers who were stuck in it. He is also known to be a calm and collected person; rarely shows any emotions. He is also a kind, caring and emotional. Kirito is determined to help the people who are very important to him.

In GGO, his choice of weapon is the Kagemitsu G4, a weapon he bought from a weapon store in game for 150,000 credits. It is a weapon that he found that resembles a sword. He prefers using a sword like at SAO and ALO.



## Asuna Yuuki

The girlfriend of Kirito. She acts a bit *tsundere* towards Kirito even after getting married (in game) although she deeply cares for him. Similar to Kirito, she is also an emotional person that controls her actions and decisions. She is a kind and helpful person but she can also be physical when being questioned about her abilities in cooking.



## Death Gun

The mysterious culprit of the death of the players of Gun Gale Online in game and in real life.



# GAMEPLAY

## STATS

### AGI (Agility)

speed of the player

### VIT (vitality)

health of the player

### DEX (dexterity)

ability to hit &  
accuracy of the player

### STR (strength)

ability to wield weapons  
carrying capacity  
of the player

### DEF (Defense)

defense of the player

## Bullets of Bullets

The largest PvP tournament in GGO. The preliminaries use the elimination style brackets which consists of 1 player vs. 1 player. The winner advances to the next round while loser will be disqualified. This goes on until 2 players are left in the bracket. They will also get to fight, however both of them will advance to the next level which is the Battle Royale. Only a total of 30 players will be playing in this level.

In the Battle Royale, each player is separated by 1000 meters and they will battle each other on an island called the ISL Ragnarok.

### ISL RAGNAROK

An island with a diameter of 10 kilometers of different terrains with a ruined city as its center.

### SATELLITE SCAN TERMINAL

Each player is given a satellite scan terminal. It is connected to the satellite hovering above the battlefield. It is used to locate the position of the players every 15 minutes within the battlefield.

### REWARDS

Rewards could either be a game item or real world model weapons. In game items could be dye, currency or a fancy armor. Model weapons depend on the place that they were acquired. Lower level place drop hand guns and higher level places could even give sniper rifles.

**SWORD ART  
ONLINE II**  
**GUN GALE ONLINE**

## Currency

Credits. 1000 credits is the initial amount received at the start of the game.  
Credits can be converted into real money  
(100 credits= 1 yen)

## Logout

Gun Gale Online features Soulless Logout where players can logout into safe zones, making them in a soulless state.

They must make their bodies guarded or else they can be killed or robbed in game.



## Weapons

### Optical Guns

Long ranged and light guns that are used commonly to hunt mobs

Ineffective against defense equipments

Are given fancy names

### Live-Ammunation

#### Guns

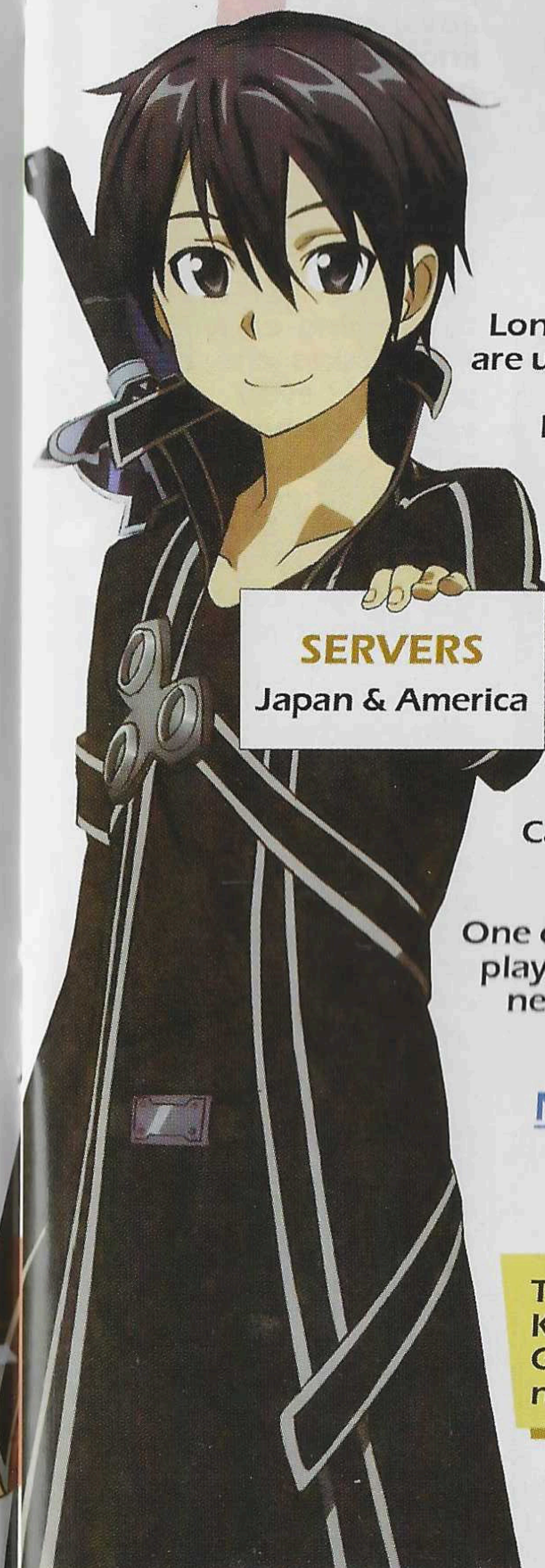
The bullets can pass through defense fields

Can conflict higher damage than optical weapons

One disadvantage of this is that players who use this weapon need to carry heavy bullet magazines

### Non Gun Weapons

Lightsaber-like swords.



### SERVERS

Japan & America



The long awaited Sword Art Online II is here! Let's follow Kirito's adventure again with this new game sensation Gun Gale Online and as he seek Death Gun together with his new partner, Shino.





## WANTED: ALIVE

by: Ann



## NAME:

Kirigaya Kazuto aka "Kirito", "The Black Swordsman",  
"The Beater"

## WANTED FOR:

His ability to rescue trapped gamers

## LAST SEEN IN:

Sword Art Online 2

## WEAPONS &amp; SKILLS POSSESSED:

Anneal Blade, Queen's Knightblade, Elucidator, Dark  
Repulser, Double Blade

In the dimension of Sword Art Online, Kirito finds himself trapped alongside other humans in a game in which their survival applies in real life. But he holds the light for his fellow players because of his advanced skills and knowledge of the game that came from being one of its 1,000 lucky beta testers. He is also called a Beater because he is a Beta tester who uses his skills to "cheat" his way to winning each level. This makes the other players even more envious of him but his skills eventually save all of them as he successfully reaches the highest level, beats the final boss, and completes the game.

In his adventure, he also develops a romantic relationship with fellow player Yuuki Asuna. He is Asuna's knight in shining armor as he is determined to rescue her in times of trouble even at the cost of his own life.

The second sequel features him back in the game to rescue more people in the game. Watch out for this character as he continues his adventure as a hero (and do ask for his help if ever you find yourself trapped in Sword Art Online too).

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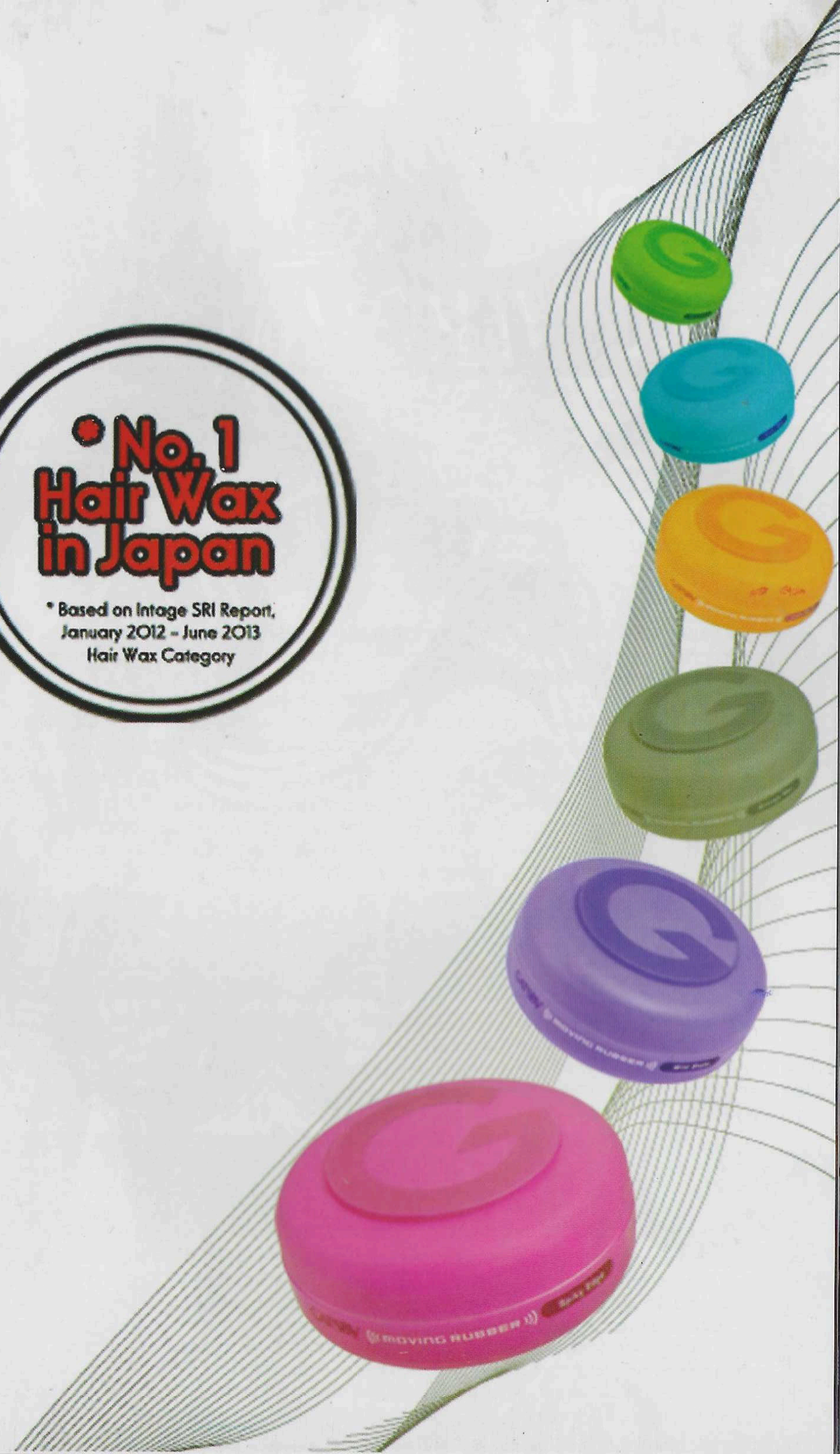
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## GAMER'S ARENA

By Reikisha

# HACKING with a click of a FINGER

## WATCH DOGS



Considering the current generation's level of technology, it's not impossible that the day where people's lives are being dictated by a mere computer program and their smartphones will arrive. However, to a talented hacker, a supercomputer is nothing more than a puzzle begging to be solved.

In October 2012, Aiden Pearce participated in a bank heist at Merlaut Hotel with his mentor, Damien Brenks. As Aiden transfer all the funds through his smartphone, Damien unwittingly got the attention of another hacker and decides to track them down. Unable to talk him out of it, Aiden stops him by leaving.

Fearing that the hacker might target his sister's family, Aiden invited Nicole and her children to a surprise trip meant for them to flee from Chicago. On the way, one of the two hitmen hired to take out Aiden fires the shot that caused the car to crash, leading to Lena's coma and eventual death. A year later, Aiden, now a vigilante known as "The Fox", vows to track down the ones responsible for his niece's death. The first person on his list is the hitman named Maurice Vega.

WATCH DOGS is Ubisoft Montreal's newest open-world action-adventure game for the PC, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360 and Xbox One. The game was released on May 27 for five different gaming platforms while the WiiU version is set to be released in the fourth quarter of 2014.

## GAMEPLAY

Watch Dogs' combat system utilizes a combination of stealth and limited parkour, along with a cover-based third-person shooter. Players take control of Aiden Pearce, a highly skilled hacker who can hack into the ctOS and use it to his advantage while freely roaming the fictionalized version of Chicago, Illinois. The game is played from a third-person perspective and can be navigated on-foot or by vehicle of choice.

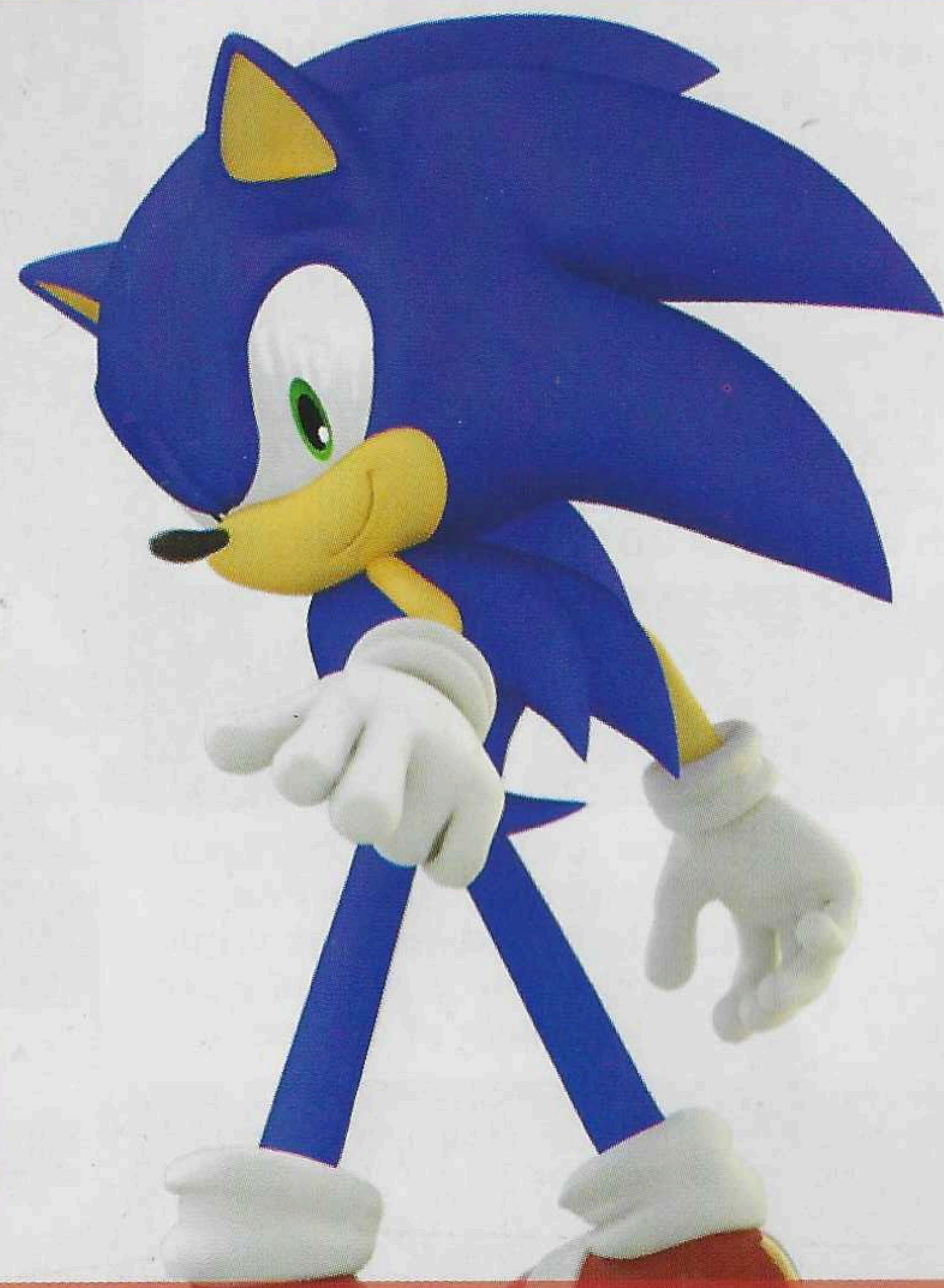
## REVIEW

Hacking is a brand new concept that made Watch Dogs different from most open-world games like Grand Theft Auto and Saint's Row. There isn't a single time in the game where the player didn't rely on Aiden's in-game smartphone as they navigate the city of Chicago considering how convenient and useful it is to them, especially during combat and car chases. While the game's graphics is somehow different from what Ubisoft has shown from the demos at E3 2012, it's still good enough to give players the atmosphere of roaming the streets of Chicago while manipulating the city's electronic devices using a mere smartphone.





## GAMING 2014: JAPAN



Halfway through but halfway undone. Pretty soon, 2014 will come to an end before we know it. But before it does, it's time we see the trends of video games this year from the Japanese perspective. With most of the popular games rising worldwide to appeal to international tastes, we hear less of the Japanese influence on the gaming industry.

It is common knowledge that Japan has reached heights in technology that sometimes go beyond our imagination. It was one of the first to start the market of video gaming in the world with household games such as Bomberman, Pokémon, Final Fantasy, Tekken, Street Fighter, and Sonic the Hedgehog. These games began in platforms such as arcades and portable consoles. However, the gaming audience began to change as they sought to play their games at home with their PCs and portable gadgets that gave rise to consoles such as Xbox One, 360, Playstation 3 and 4. Later, more of the action-packed games became popular in the market including shooting games such as Watch Dogs, one of this year's most popular, and the sought-after RPG Dark Souls 2.



## KEEPING UP AND KEEPING COOL

Even so, all hope is not yet lost for Japan with the ever-evolving Nintendo company which in 2012, released its Wii U, successor of the Wii gaming console. This console promises high-definition graphics for a better gaming experience. Furthermore, Nintendo had just announced that they will be releasing new gaming consoles to match the new-gen consoles of the West next year.

In addition, Persona 5, a social simulation RPG which is the 5th instalment of the franchise with the same name that began in 1996, is set to be released on the fourth quarter of this year. It is one of the most anticipated RPGs from Japan because of its daring plot in which they draw concepts from the field of Psychology with characters that can summon certain features of their psyche.

Gaming generations might come and go for both the West and the East but with Japan, there always seems to be something to look forward to. So, are you ready to take your gaming to the next level? It is East meets West with this exploration of new gaming heights!







## ONE FREE FORTRESS written by James

They say that the best things in life are free. However, I beg to disagree because these things are not literally the best, it's just that you shouldn't complain about something you didn't spend a dime for. But with one of the best and most popular free-to-play games out there, you really can't complain because there's hardly anything to complain about. I'm talking about Valve's staple free-to-play shooter Team Fortress 2.

In Team Fortress 2, a session's map is determined by the game mode and the team you choose. There are two teams: Team Reliable Excavation & Demolition (RED) and Team Builders League United (BLU), and eight game modes, namely:

Capture the Flag  
Attack/Defend  
Control Point  
King of the Hill  
Arena  
Payload  
Medieval  
Mann vs. Machine

Aside from choosing a team, players get to choose which character they want to play. There are nine characters in total, each of which has its own weapon and style. The characters are divided into three roles.

### OFFENSE

**Scout** — with a double jump and a sawed-off shotgun, this is a good character for those who want agility.

**Soldier** — this patriot is ready to blast enemies with his rocket launcher and shotgun, or even hit them with a shovel.

**Pyro** — if you don't want to get burned, don't go head-to-head with this homemade flamethrower-wielding maniac.

### DEFENSE

**Heavy** — always wanted to play as the tough guy with a Gatling gun? Now's your chance.

**Demoman** — you'll have a blast blasting the opposition with his sticky bombs. If that's not your cup of tea, then maybe whacking them with a glass of wine is.

**Engineer** — build sentry guns and medicine dispensers with the handyman of the battlefield

### SUPPORT

**Sniper** — despite his age, he can still kill you from miles away, making this old man with a rifle is not to be trifled with.

**Medic** — armed with a medi-gun, the medic can heal his allies in the heat of battle. If the need to fight arises, he's got a syringe gun and a bonesaw handy.

**Spy** — stealthy and treacherous, the spy has a cloaking device, the ability to disguise as an enemy team member, a butterfly knife for close-quarters combat, and a revolver.

Aside from the characters' unique roles and abilities, they have very diverse and dynamic personalities, making their in-game banter with each other fun to watch — an additional incentive for players. Also, through microtransactions, you can buy items to customize the appearance of your characters.

With an innovative gameplay, interesting characters, and high replay value, Team Fortress 2 is one of those few free-to-play games that don't leave you satisfied and instead leaves you wanting more...of the shooting, blasting, and bludgeoning. If you wish to check out the game, you can download it for free at <http://store.steampowered.com/app/440/>

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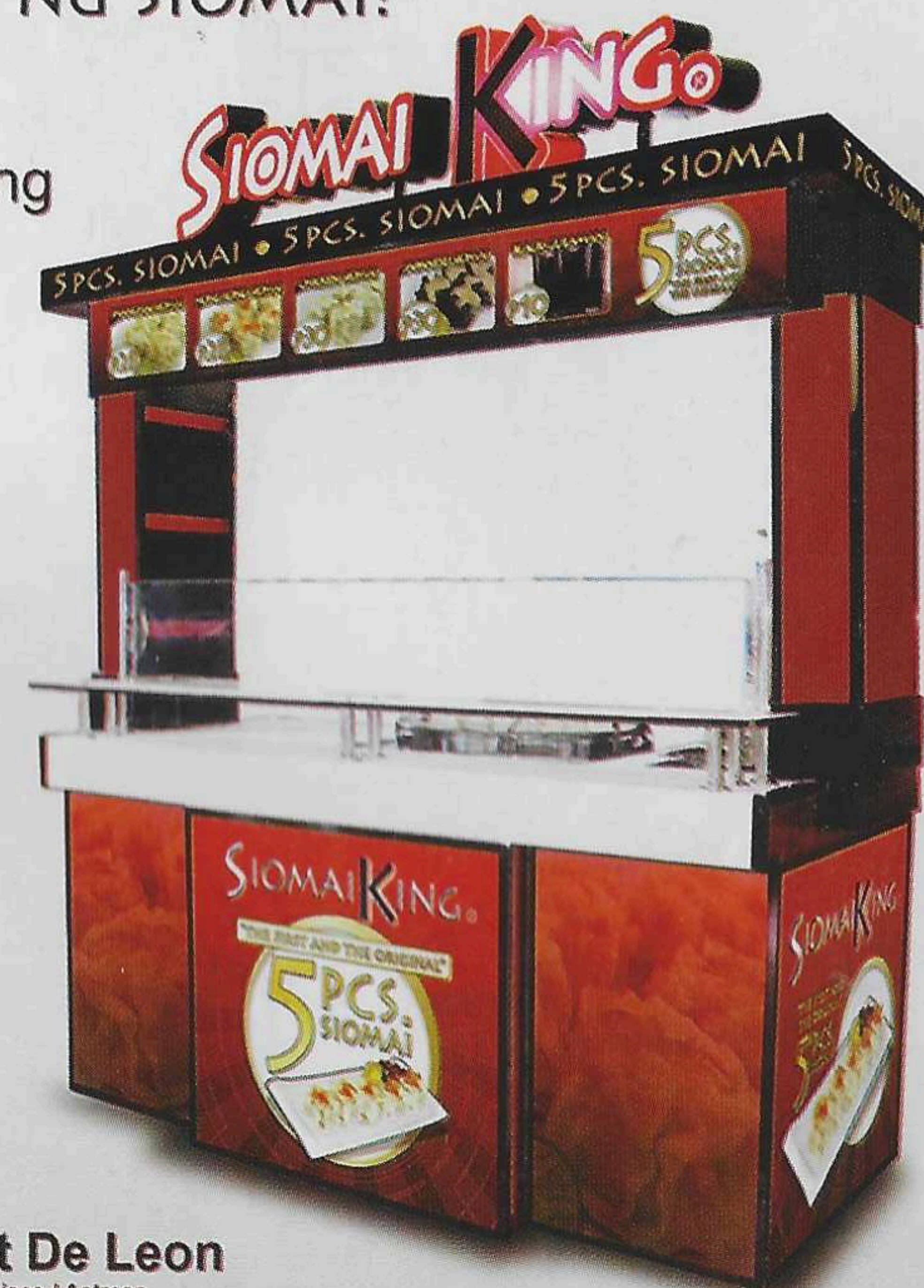
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# GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

written by Ann



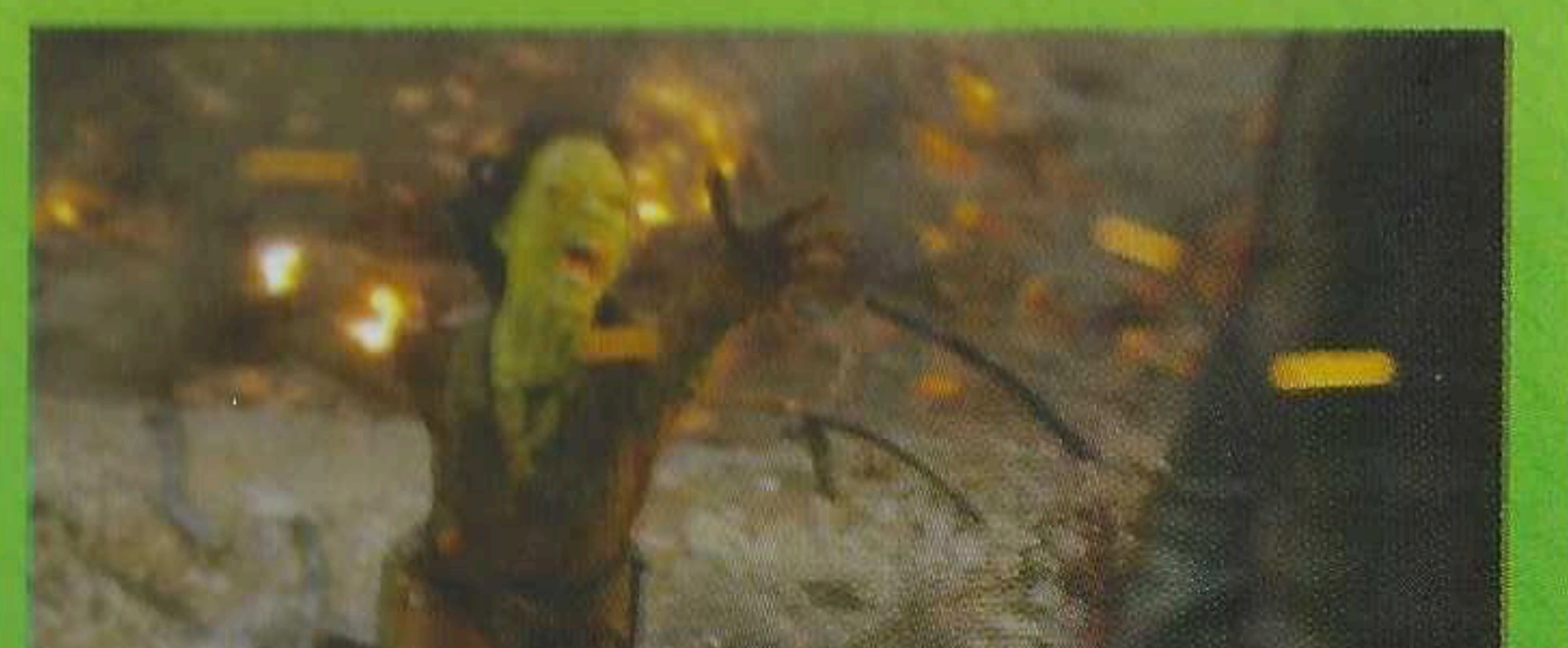
Just how big can the galaxy be? That's just one of the mind-boggling questions that set upon us every time we submerge ourselves into deep thought. The doubts that we have about our existence might be exhausting and entirely depressing most of the time but what if you find a group composed of a person, a raccoon, a superhuman warrior, a last-descendant alien, and a tree? You might think these questions don't seem depressing at all.

Peter Quill aka *Star-Lord*, the protagonist that somewhat portrays a similarity to Han Solo by being a galactic outlaw, finds himself in deep trouble after stealing a mysterious silver orb that is one of the stones that possess great power. The villain Ronan the Accuser declares a bounty hunt to track Quill down but Quill eventually meets Rocket (raccoon), Groot (tree-like humanoid), Drax the Destroyer (superhuman warrior), and Gamora (last of the Zen-Whoberi alien race). Together, they call themselves the *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Will they live up to their mission of saving the galaxy from the villain who wishes to use the orb to conquer it or will they falter and "die surrounded by the biggest idiots in the galaxy"?

Directed by James Gunn from Nicole Perman's original story, the *Guardians of the Galaxy* is a film by Marvel Studios. Following the consecutive success of Marvel from *The Avengers*, *Iron Man*, *Thor*, and *Captain America*, the renowned studio is back to feature this action-packed epic space adventure that piqued the interest of people who have not been previously familiar with the comics. It stars Chris Pratt as Peter Quill or *Star-Lord*, Dave Bautista as Drax, Vin Diesel (voice) as Groot, Bradley Cooper (voice) as Rocket, Zoe Saldana as Gamora, and Lee Pace as Ronan.

The movie has been highly anticipated and warmly welcomed by viewers all over the world because of its witty lines and sci-fi action. Although it is part of Marvel's Cinematic Universe which makes it a fragment of a huge cosmic plan, the *Guardians of the Galaxy* is making its own name and setting itself apart from the Marvel predecessors. It certainly meets Marvel's formula of heroes with a sense of humor, and ties all heroic action into a life-threatening dilemma. With lots of high tech firearms and hand to hand combat, the *Guardians* might be considered a threat to the *Avengers* team up.

It is out this August, everyone. Discover a portion of the magnanimous Marvel galaxy and laugh to an epic level with the *Guardians*!







# Black Butler

## One Hell of a Movie

by Yani

The Black Butler movie was set in the year 2020; a girl named Shiori Genpou as the current head of the Phantomhive Family. Unfortunately, only men are allowed to become heads so she disguises herself as a boy named Kiyoharu Genpou. Being the head of the Phantomhive family, she is also entitled as the Queen of England's lapdog. It's her duty and responsibility to solve underground cases ordered by the queen herself together with her butler Sebastian; the devil whom she made a contract with.

The Black Butler movie is based from the manga *Kuroshitsuji* by Yana Toboso that was released in the year 2006. It was directed by Kentaro Otani and Keiichi Sato and produced by Shinzo Matsushashi. The movie was premiered all over Japan last January 18 and July 23, 2014 here at the Philippines at SM Cinemas.

The film took place mostly at Kyushu Japan and the management has also revealed that the actor portraying Sebastian Michaelis; Hiro Mizushima had to lose weight for up to 50 kg for the movie.

## Characters

Sebastian Michaelis

Hiro Mizushima

Shiori Genpou

Hanae Wakatsuki

Ayame Goriki

Yuka

Lin

Jay the Undertaker

Mizuki Yamamoto

Louis Kuriha

The movie is a stand-alone movie, meaning you can understand it even if you haven't watched the anime or manga. But if you do, you will notice changes between the two. First change is the time and setting from 19th century in England to the year 2020 in Asia. So, the movie is basically Black Butler in the modern Era. Second is that Ciel Phantomhive is replaced by a girl who disguises as a boy. The name was also changed to Shiori Genpou (real name)/ Kiyoharu Genpou (male name).



The movie itself was great, they even added twists within the movie especially on Lin's character which we didn't see coming and it was really cool and awesome. The action scenes were also great; you could feel the suspense and the strikes between two characters. And there's Sebastian, the perfect butler whom anyone would want to have. He can do anything literally and it's really cool and awesome to see him as a real person. His love for cats is also seen in the movie. Some fans did even joke that Sebastian didn't cut his hair from the 19th century. Shippers will also totally love this movie; if they shipped Ciel and Sebastian in the manga/anime, what more that Ciel (Shiori) is a girl in this movie.



Overall, Black Butler is a must watch movie. Aside from the action scenes, it is also packed with fantasy genre and some funny scenes into it despite having a dark themed story.







## GAMER'S ARENA

By Reikisha



The Straw Hat Pirates are approaching the island village of Transtown, also known as the "Island of Promises", with a companion named Pato; a pen who can transform into a raccoon. What at first seems like an ordinary rest stop for the group turns into the start of a new adventure, as Luffy's crew gets kidnapped by fake versions of themselves. Luffy then sets off to rescue his friends with Pato's help.



Luffy and the Straw Hat Pirates are back to take you to a brand new journey once again. Featuring a wacky cast of characters, gripping plot, and exciting battles, what is there not to like?

**One Piece: Unlimited World Red** features a whole new story written by the series' creator, Eiichiro Oda. How will things pan out in the end? Play the game to find out!



**Unlimited World Red** is the thirty-sixth video game based on *One Piece*, and the fifth title in the unlimited sub-series. It was released early in Japan last 2013 for the 3DS. *One Piece*'s overwhelming popularity in Western countries earned the game subsequent releases for the 3DS in Europe and North America were scheduled for mid-2014. Console versions for the PS3, PS Vita, and the Wii U were also scheduled for a mid-2014 release worldwide.

**Unlimited World Red's** main highlight is seeing your favorite characters from the *One Piece* franchise come to life in this action-adventure extravaganza. Players get to control favorites like the Straw Hat Pirates, Portgas D. Ace, and even villains such as Crocodile, all with their own fighting styles and combo attacks. Players doing particularly well in this regard will be rewarded with a "Rush Mode" which further increases your power.

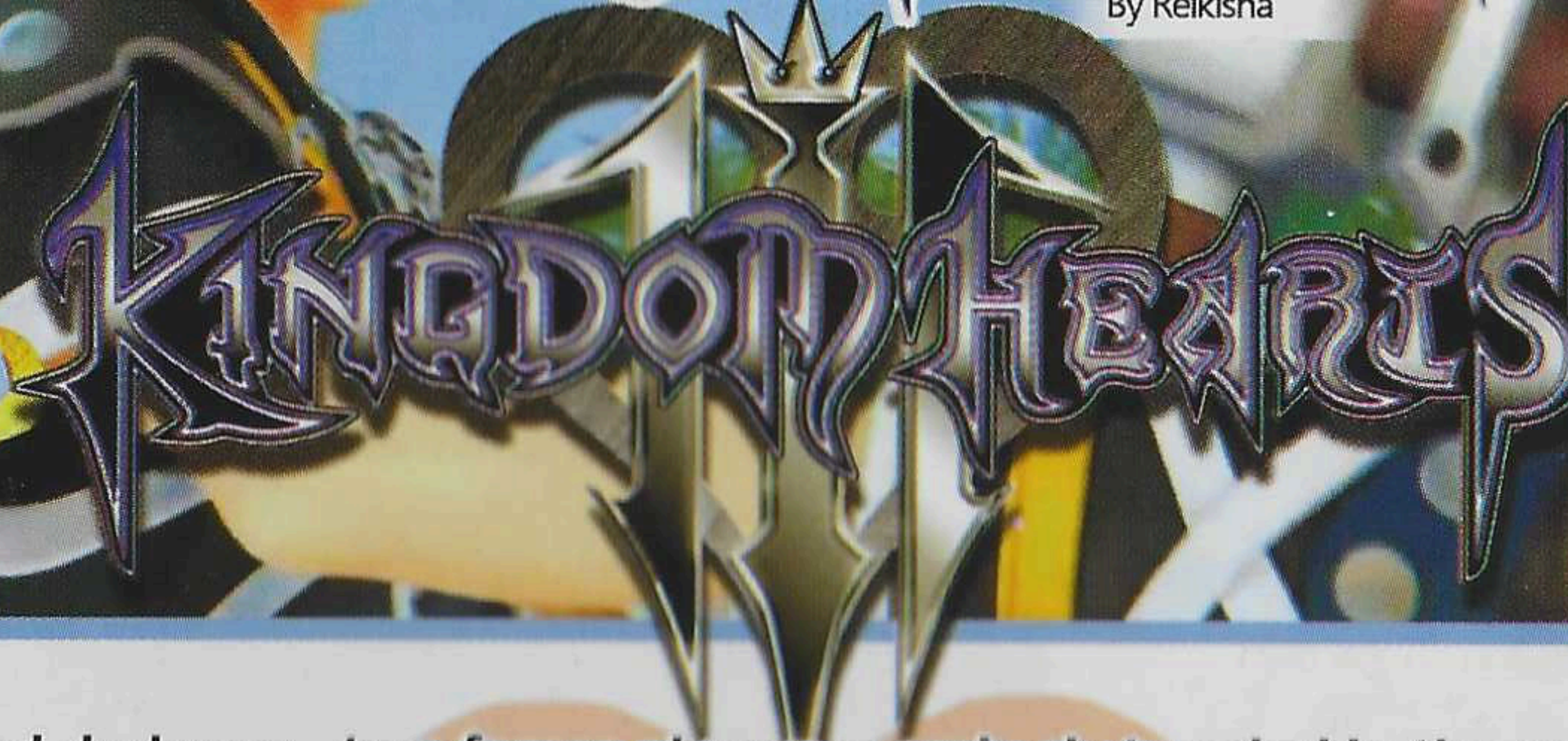
Besides the beat-'em-up aspect, players will also be given a goal to upgrade Transtown, giving the game a strategic twist. In order to do this, one would be required to take on various quests and help the residents of the town. Rewards gained from such actions would then be used to upgrade the town, and subsequently, your characters.

Overall, *One Piece: Unlimited World Red* really proves to be a winner in the fun department. While fans of the series would love this game for letting them play as their favorites, even those who aren't familiar with *One Piece* could get hooked for hours on end. With the pleasant combination of action, adventure, and strategy, this game is tailored to give gamers the ultimate *One Piece* experience.



## Symphony of Black and White

By Reikisha

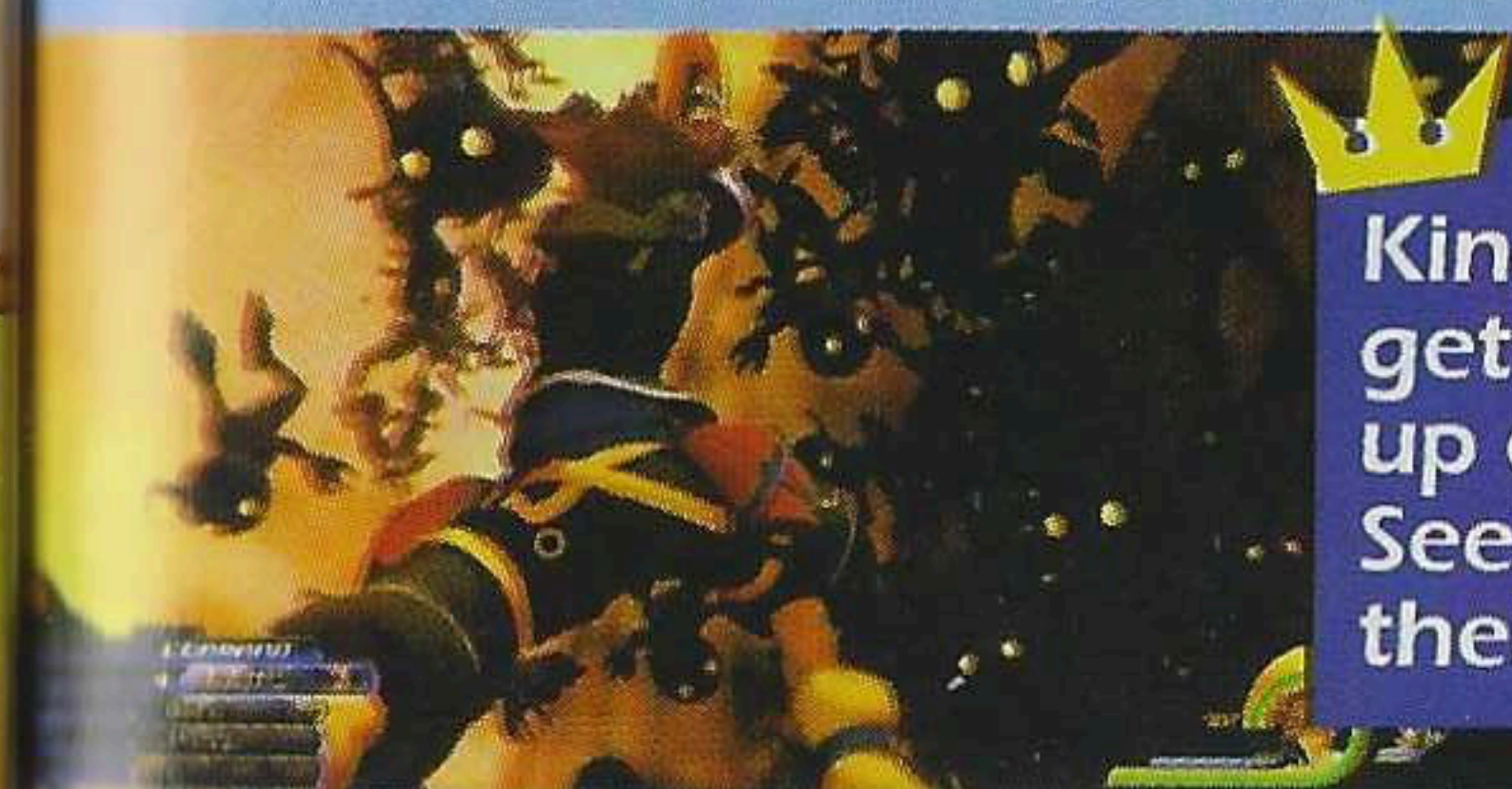


Light and darkness—two forces always seemingly tangled in the web of fate. Constantly seen as parallels of each other, one can't help but admire how the two beautifully play off each other in narrative. In *Kingdom Hearts III*, the battle between the forces of light and Master Xehanort comes to an end in an epic conclusion.

"The balance of light and darkness must be protected." Such was the goal of Master Xehanort, who sets out to put his plan in motion and wage war against the forces of light. Standing in his way is Sora, who reunites with Donald and Goofy. Fighting together for the first time since the events of *Kingdom Hearts 2*, the trio seeks to search for the seven guardians of light and the "Key to Return Hearts". On the other hand, Riku and King Mickey continue their quest to search for the other Keyblade wielders in preparation for the final battle.

*Kingdom Hearts III* is an upcoming action role-playing game and the eighth installment in the *Kingdom Hearts* series. Developed by Square Enix and distributed by Disney Interactive Studios. While the release date for *Kingdom Hearts III* has yet to be announced, it was confirmed that the game is intended to be released on the PS4 and Xbox One. It was first announced to be in development for two 8th-generation game consoles last E3 2013. New trailers have surfaced on various events such as D23 Expo Japan and E3 2014 to let the fans worldwide know that Sora and the gang are coming soon.

It's not a *Kingdom Hearts* game without the fantastic crossover of the anime-based *Kingdom Hearts* world and the Disney universe. *Kingdom Hearts III* offers that and more. Take a trip back to your childhood and traverse through the vibrant realms of Disney movies, now made even better with the updated graphics. The gameplay itself looks to be loads of fun, as the trailers previewed an exciting battle between Sora and the Rock Titan from a roller coaster-like vehicle. The teaser trailer showcased new Keyblade abilities that have opened up for Sora.



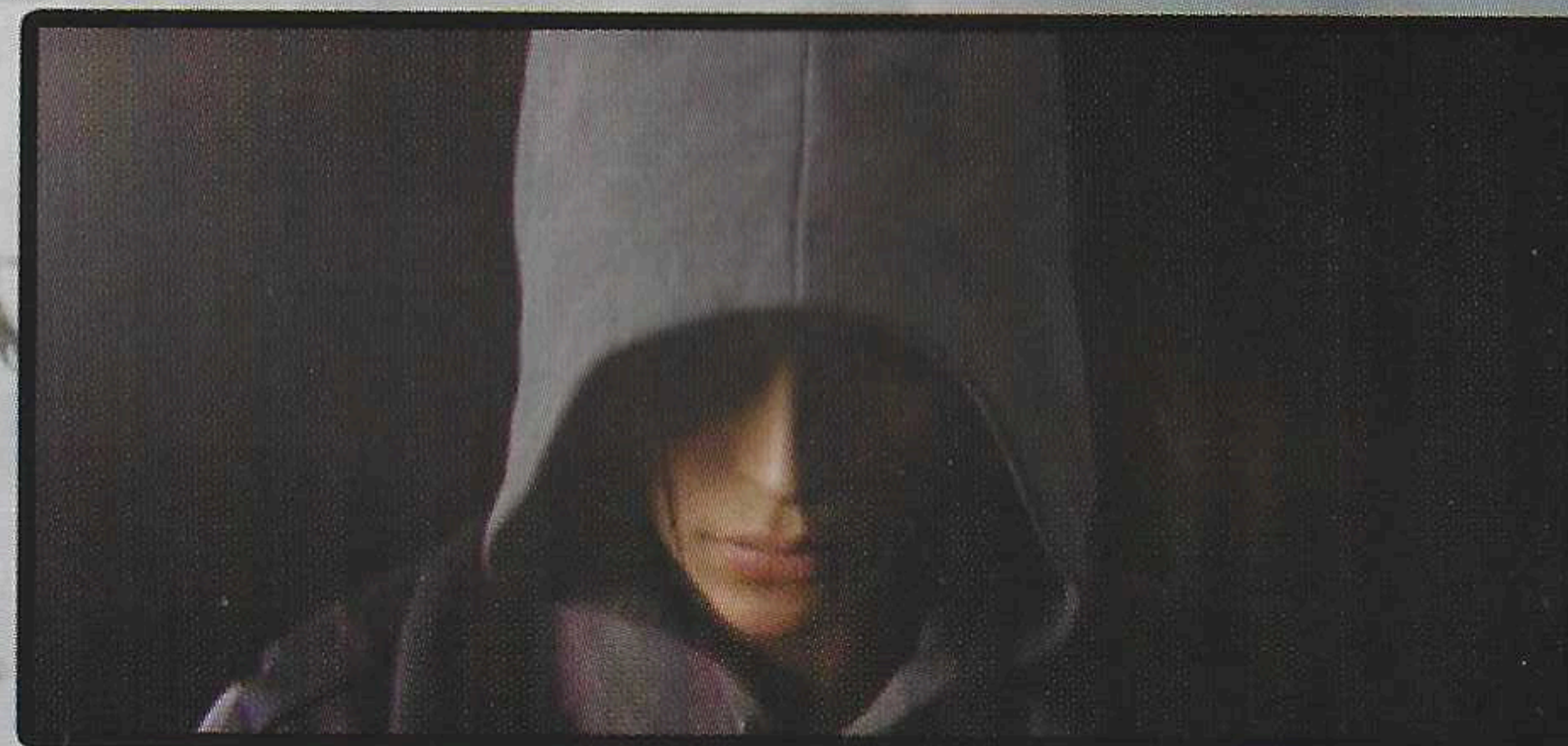
*Kingdom Hearts III* is a game which you would not regret getting. Who can say no to thrilling battles and the team up of two fantasy worlds? With the climax of the Dark Seeker saga drawing to close, gamers everywhere has their fingers crossed with anticipation.



# RISE OF THE TOMB RAIDER™

By Reikisha

After surviving in a life-or-death situation during her first adventure and was forged into a true warrior, Lara must use her newfound skills and wits and then embrace her destiny as the Tomb Raider.



Rise of the Tomb Raider is the sequel to the 2013 reboot of the Tomb Raider franchise. The game was officially announced on June 9 during the press release and after the premier of its first trailer on the Microsoft E3 conference on the same day. Developed by Crystal Dynamics and published by Square Enix as the eleventh Tomb Raider game and is slated for a 2015 release for Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4, PS3 and PC.

Little is known about the game except that Lara Croft's weapon loadout from the 2013 game will make a comeback as well as the return of the tombs Lara must raid. Camilla Luddington will reprise her role as the young Lara Croft and writer Rhianna Pratchett will once again contribute for the sequel.



LINKSTART! V2.0 By Reikisha

# SWORD ART ONLINE

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## Hollow Fragment

After logging in to the new virtual MMORPG called "Sword Art Online", ten thousand players find themselves trapped inside a game where dying in-game means dying for real. They are issued a challenge in-exchange for their freedom: clear the game and defeat the final boss in the 100th floor of the floating castle Aincrad.

Brace yourselves; we are taking another dive back into the majestic world of swords for Sword Art Online: Hollow Fragment!

Sword Art Online: Hollow Fragment is an action role playing game developed by Namco Bandai Games for the PlayStation Vita as well as the successor of the PSP game titled "Sword Art Online: Infinity Moment". The game was first released in Japan on April this year while the following month was for Taiwan and Hong Kong. Finally, the English version for North America, Europe and Australia is set to be released this month.

What's surprising about Hollow Fragment is that it was given the go-signal to be released outside of Japan. Most of the problems that plagued the first game have been reworked in Hollow Fragment as well as introducing a new system that gives players more control of the battles with a new set of abilities. In addition to the main story, Hollow Fragment also presents the "Hollow Area", where scenarios that aren't in the original series can be played and allows up to 4 players engage in a co-op dungeon run.



Sword Art Online: Hollow Fragment is a splendid sequel that worked on the problems of the first game and upgrading the visuals of the game to match the capabilities of the PS Vita. With lots of additional content featuring new attires and side stories, those who pick the game up are guaranteed hours of enjoyment.



# A NEW CHAPTER to the RECLAIMER SAGA

By Reikisha

## HALO 5 GUARDIANS

In the far reaches of space, a Forerunner AI has awoken from its long slumber which has the potential to put all of reality at stake.

Meanwhile, the mysterious Agent Locke was sent on a mission to search for the most dangerous fugitive in all of history.

Halo 5: Guardians is 343 Industries' upcoming first-person shooter video game planned to arrive in the gaming market in fall 2015. This will be the first Halo game to be released in the Xbox One with a 1080p resolution and runs at 60 frames per second. The game was first revealed during Microsoft's E3 2013 presentation as the second chapter of John-117's storyline in the Reclaimer Saga.

Halo 5's debut in the Xbox One means that the game will run on a new and powerful engine, bringing out a different in-game experience compared to the past Halo games in Xbox 360. The Reclaimer storyline was originally a trilogy, but Microsoft Studios decided to expand the story as a saga instead of ending it in three chapters.

A Halo television series produced by Steven Spielberg will air in same year as the game's launch. And lastly, Microsoft revealed during the E3 2014 that Halo: The Master Chief Collection has an exclusive pass to access Halo 5's multiplayer beta and its content will carry over to Guardians.



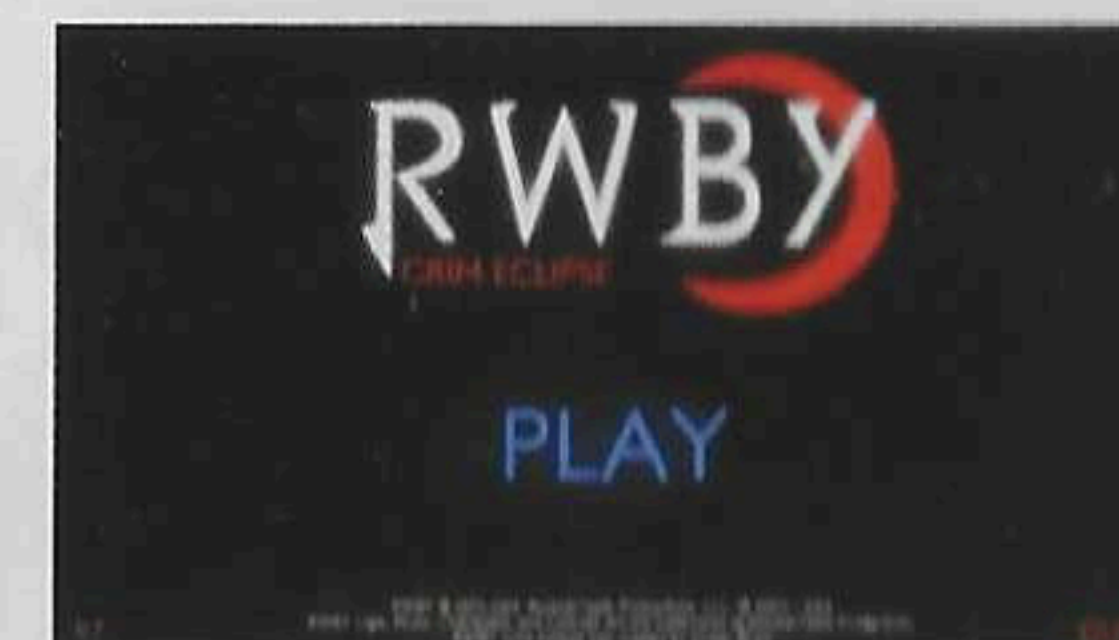
Better mark your calendars, Spartans!  
The next chapter of the Master Chief's adventure starts in 2015.

# RWBY

by Yani

## GRIM ECLIPSE

**RWBY:** Grim Eclipse is the official game of the western anime series, RWBY, to be released under Roosterteeth. It is created by **Jordan Scott**; an independent developer. The demo was released last April 1, 2014 with Ruby Rose as the first playable character.



The setting is very similar to the Red Trailer of RWBY. The goal is to defeat the beowolves, surviving every wave for as long as you can without getting killed.

### Controls:

W - forward	A - left
D - right	S - backward
E - shoot bullets	R - reload bullets
SPACEBAR - jump	ESC - Main Menu
ALT- change to gun mode/scythe mode	
CAPS LOCK/ MIDDLE MOUSE - Lock Target	
BUTTON	
TAB - swap between Ability & Item Menu	
LEFT MOUSE BUTTON - Combos	

When an enemy dies, it will drop items such as potions that can be used throughout the game. You can select them on the item menu by pressing the number keys that corresponds to the number of the slot where it is placed. You can also learn new abilities as your level increases and use them through the number keys. The main menu shows stats, items and options. Keep also in mind that the main menu can be only opened when you are not in an active wave.

**RWBY:** Grim Eclipse is a promising game that is in the works. How awesome it would be once they release the full version? We bet it will really be wonderful and fantastic. They incorporate Ruby's movements and skills from the show with the game character including the petals in the wind. Yang Xiao Long is said to be released next.

Will they be releasing all characters? Will this game be like Kingdom Hearts where characters meet at some point? Tune to [www.roosterteeth.com](http://www.roosterteeth.com) for updates about the game!







# 6" PULLEYS MOVIE REEL



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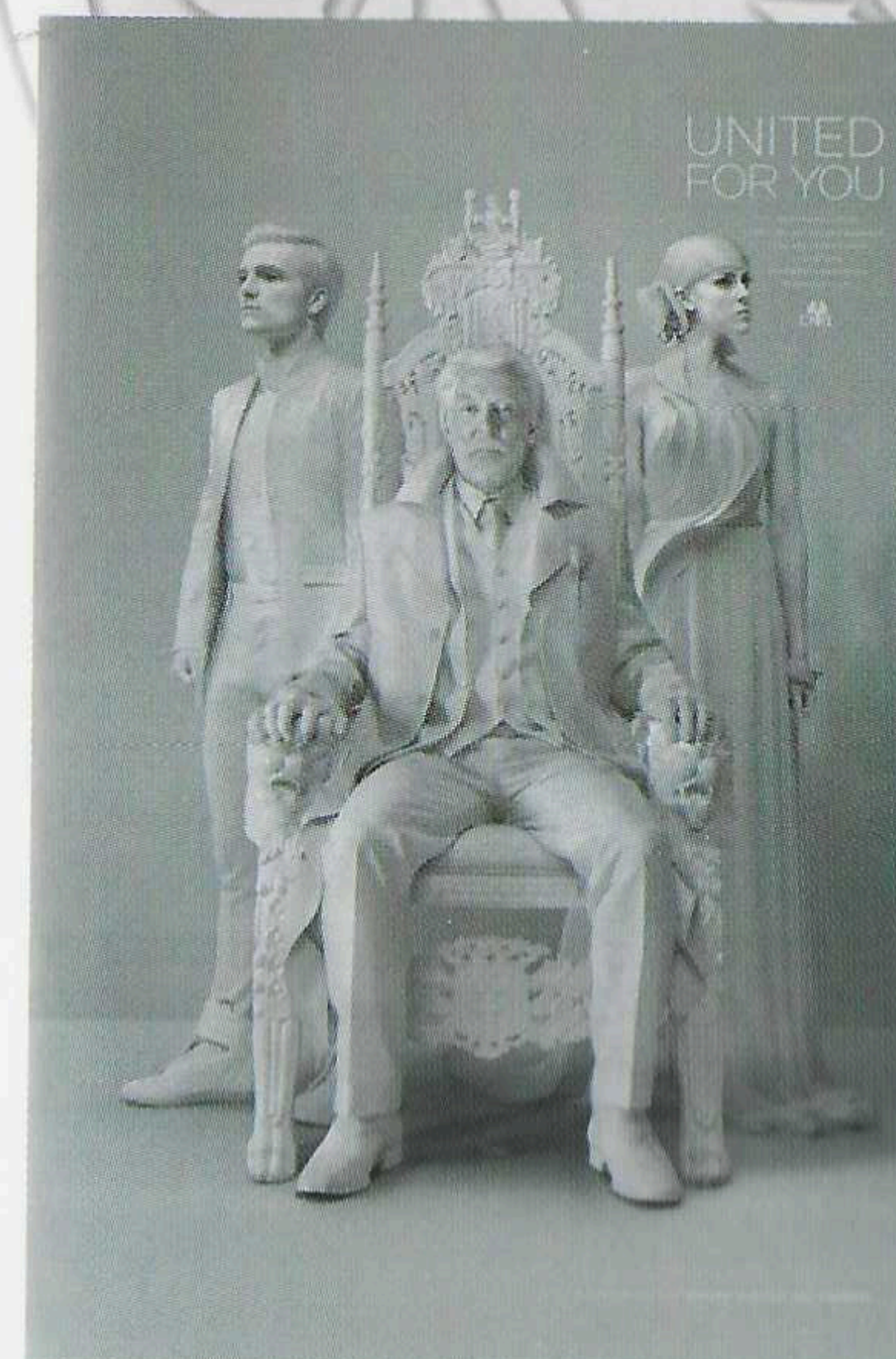


## Expect the unexpected

You're watching your favorite Capitol TV show when a public service address from President Snow is aired warning the citizens of Panem that if you chose to fight the system, you must face the repercussions.

Based on Suzanne Collin's 2010 novel, "Mockingjay", last book of The Hunger Games trilogy, the first part of the movie is set to release on November 21st, 2014, nearly a year after the second installment, Catching Fire. Director Francis Lawrence (no relation to actor) is serious about not spoiling anything other than the fact that Mockingjay 1 and 2 is sure to surprise even the most devout Hunger Games fan. Lawrence promises that they did not change the plot and characters of the novel rather added scenes of what could have been happening at different times in the book.

As for the love triangle between the main characters: Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence), Gale (Liam Hemsworth) and Peeta (Josh Hutcherson), Lawrence says that they have been very loyal to the book and all they did was to highlight the choice that Katniss has in front of her. "It's tricky because Peeta is out of reach for her," says Lawrence. "Obviously, Peeta becomes an objective while Gale is right there, so that's a tricky situation."



That's not all Katniss has in her mind because the rebellion is starting. During the end of Catching Fire, it was mentioned that the rebels have infiltrated the old District 13 as their base and their rebel name. As counter measure, President Snow has declared death to all who associates with the Mockingjay and District 13. Rebel President, Alma Coin to played by Julianne Moore and Plutarch Heavensbee played by the late Philip Seymour Hoffman proceeds with their plans with Katniss standing as the people's beacon of hope.

The Capitol released a set of propaganda posters titled 'Heroes' representing each district's top produce. Later, a second video of President Snow's address titled Unity is aired this time accompanied by Peeta Mellark and Johanna Mason, both captured by the Capitol at the end of the previous film and a group of peacekeepers. Before the speech was over, it was interrupted by Beetee Latier, technician of the rebellion announcing "the Mockingjay lives." Then the Capitol's Instagram account releases a graffiti-style image hinting of a bloody rebellion. This was almost instantly deleted and they apologized for the "technical issues", presenting it as a hack from District 13.

Who would you side with?

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# Ride for your Life Yowamushi Pedal



Cycling is probably the official childhood sport that everyone learned (or at least tried to learn), so most of us had experience with it. Like any other skills, some people have a natural talent for cycling. If you can ride a bicycle without dreadfully stumbling at your first try, then you most likely have the potential for this sport.



Sakamichi Onoda has naturally been a fast biker since he was a kid. However, his talent has not been of use professionally. He bikes using his *Granny Bike* on his way to Akihabara every day, kilometres away from school, to check out new otaku merchandise! While he makes his way up the steep road, he even catches the attention of a professional cyclist, Imaizumi Shunsuke who goes to the same high school as him. Because of Onoda's unconscious hard work in cycling, he has developed his talent even for a different purpose. However, Onoda does not wish to be a professional cyclist. All he wants is to join the anime club in high school and talk about anime with his fellow otakus. Will he be able to use his gift on cycling on a sports level?

Yowamushi Pedal is originally an on-going manga published in 2008 by Weekly Shonen Champion. An original video animation has been produced under the studio TMS Entertainment in August 2013, and it is only in October 2013 that an anime version has been produced by TMS/8PAN.

As a sports anime, it is highly unlikely that a protagonist like Onoda in YowaPeda will be as competitive as other sports anime characters. Since he is not sports-minded, it is difficult at first to imagine him as a competitive cyclist. This element makes the story compelling to watch, making the audience curious about what is going to happen to an otaku cyclist. The art is quite impressive, specifically the details of the bicycles. Each type of bicycle offers different benefits to each cyclist that matches their specialties, and it is given importance in the show. Character-wise, there are no stereotypes apart from Onoda who is a megane otaku. The cool senpais in the Bicycle Club and the seemingly ice-cold Imaizumi Shunsuke will certainly surprise you with their own unique characteristics that you cannot find in other sports anime characters.

YowaPeda is truly fantastic in every turn. It is a good watch especially if you ever feel like your motivation is going in shambles. You will want to keep pedalling with Onoda and his friends once you watch this inspiring anime, despite the rocky and steep road in life.

# Shirogane no Ishi Argevollen



It's of no doubt that the mind is powerful, and the way we do things are mostly guided by the way we pilot our thoughts. But in life-wrecking situations such as in war, people are agitated and anxious. The situation is horrible, and there is no guarantee that even the highest-ranking officials will make the right decisions.

Tokimune Susume is a young mecha pilot amidst the wars between The Kingdom of Arandas and Ingelmia. Although the young man respects authority, he doesn't particularly obey all his superiors' orders. So when a civilian gets caught up in the middle of the battlefield, he doesn't hesitate to help. Coincidentally, the civilian is mecha specialist Jamie Hazaford who is about to transport the robot Argevollen. This robot, according to Jamie, may be the only answer to end the wars specifically in favour of Arandas.

The first pilot of *Argevollen* is its pilot forever. The robot Argevollen uses the *U-Link* system which permanently links its mechanism to its first pilot, in this case, Tokimune. It is mainly operated through the power of the pilot's mind to envision what they want to do. The pilot's physical abilities have little to no bearing; the most important thing is to have strong endurance and a positive envisioning of the future.

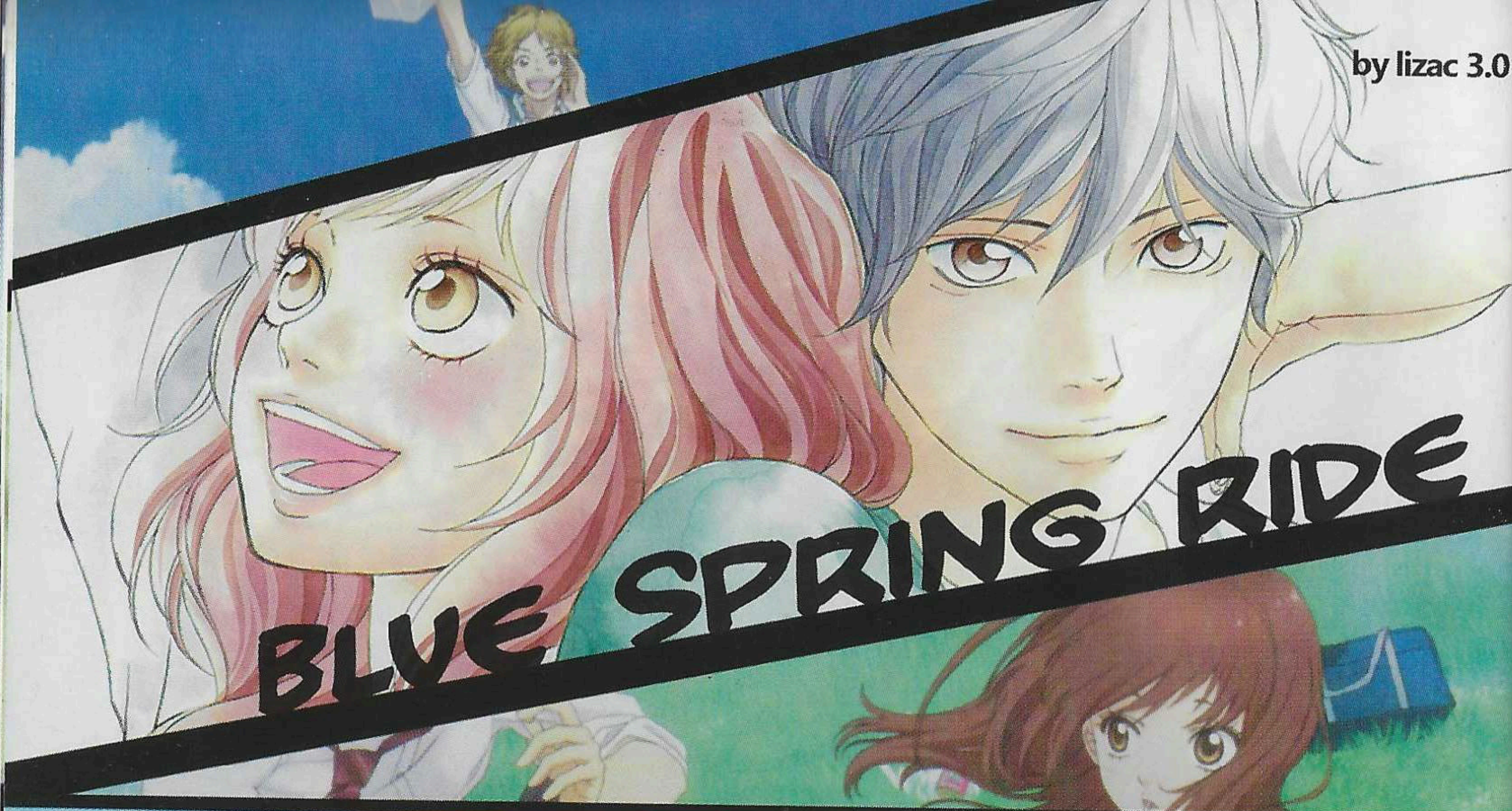
*Shirogane no Ishi Argevollen* is an action-packed mecha anime with tough characters everyone will admire. It is under the production of studio Xebec mostly known for producing pulsating twists and turns in anime.



Even though the characters are mostly soldiers tied in the war, they are still highly relatable as most of them have realistic attitudes and beliefs. Do not be discouraged by the overly technical terms in this hot mecha; they are hard to memorize! Nonetheless, it is necessary to establish the modern era they are in. The character art is not that profound, making them appear like ordinary anime characters. On the other hand, the design of the robots is detailed.

An exciting mecha anime, *Shirogane no Ishi Argevollen* shows the characters' intense ability to control the mind and the robot that may save the lives of people. Pilot towards the future with Tokimune and Jamie into discovering more about the power of Argevollen. This show is definitely included in the hot list of summer anime.

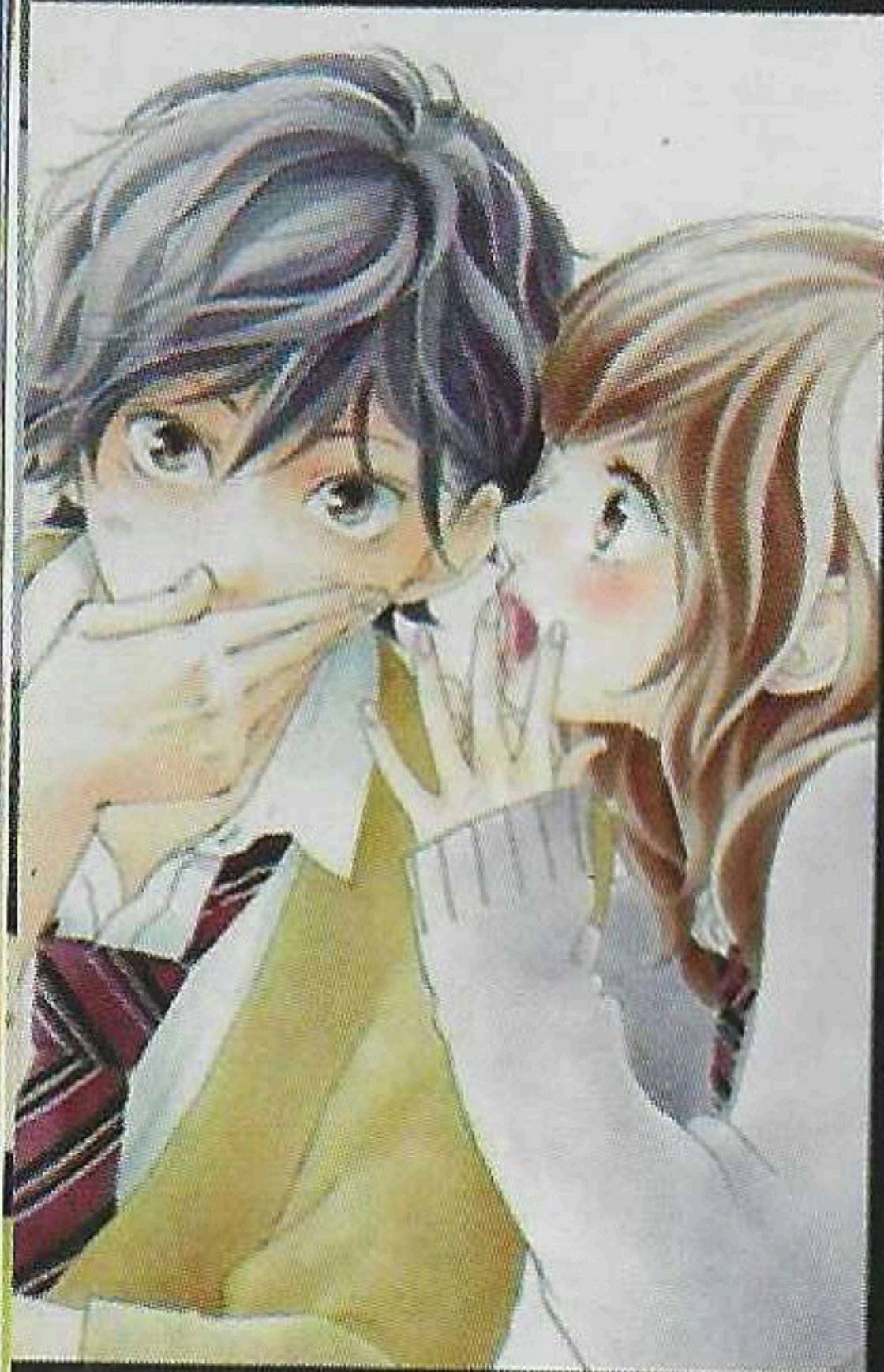




by lizac 3.0

## BLUE SPRING RIDE

As clichéd as the question sounds, would you rather be hated for what you are or liked for what you're not? Surprisingly, Futaba Yoshioka from *Ao Haru Ride* chooses the latter. For a seventeen-year-old, life is confusing and untamed, and the world may not be viewed as it is. The adolescence phase is one of the most crucial periods in one's life. There's peer pressure, course to take up in college, future plans and the like. But perhaps an adolescent's social circle is the most influential of all. Some are lucky to find the clique they perfectly belong to. Mean while, some are willing to change their interests just to be accepted into a group.



Futaba has been very popular to boys back in junior high school. Her sweet femininity and gorgeous face make the boys swoon before her. Being confessed to is not a strange event for the brunette. Because of her popularity, envy strikes at her classmates and friends, causing them to isolate her from the rest. At the same time, a kind and gentle boy by the name of Kou Tanaka has grabbed her attention. They share good experiences in junior high despite the challenges they face. During the summer break, Kou leaves school and Futaba is left alone again. The isolation continues which has made a big impact on her confidence. So when she becomes a senior high school student, she is determined to make drastic changes in her appearance, gestures, and personality. The lady then, is a brash kid now. Unexpectedly, Kou Tanaka has also changed into a rude and cold-hearted young man when he comes back. With this unexpected reunion, will they be able to reminisce the good times they've had, and be willing to start again despite the sweeping changes?

*Ao Haru Ride* or *Blue Spring Ride* is a 2011 manga written by Io Sakisaka and published by Shueisha. It was only three years later when they decided to produce an anime adaptation under the studio Production I.G. Perhaps the most popular in the shoujo category in the summer anime list, *Ao Haru Ride* is well-received by its audience all over the world. The art is very much shoujo-like, which would indeed make you anticipate the romance, comedy, and drama in a typical shoujo anime. Each of the character's large and expressive eyes would help build your anticipation in every scene. The animation is very smooth-flowing and vibrant. As for the characters, the anime has established Futaba's turmoil just like in the manga. Her motivation to change who she is, along with the consequences that come with it, has been presented well. The same goes with Kou who has also undergone a radical change because of family problems.



by lizac 3.0

## Bakumatsu Rock

Most men can't force themselves to admire pop music, so their first option is rock music. But in an era where the government controls what kind of music you're supposed to listen to, rock music lovers are in a pinch. Especially if there are only three of you who love the rock music genre, what else can you do against the government?

Ryouma Sakamoto begs to differ from everyone else who supports government-mandated music. His heart belongs to the "music full of passion". A part-time restaurant crew and a fulltime budding musician, Ryo strives hard by singing songs on the side of the road to get his passionate music noticed. Not to mention that his guitar has been given by a respected music teacher who heard him sing passionately before the ocean.

Despite his powerful guitar and voice, the odds are against him because of *Heaven's Song*, the music produced by the government. Together with Shinsuke the bassist and Kogorou the drummer, will Ryo be able to go to the Capital and get his songs approved despite *Heaven's Song* popularity?

*Bakumatsu Rock* is a period anime with a rock and magical twist produced by Studio Deen, NAS, and Sentai Filmworks. The animation is not highly impressive especially during some performance scenes where the characters appear to be in 3D. However, the music in this anime is fervent, contagious and influential, just perfect for the rebellious nature of Ryo and his musician friends. The highly anticipated showdown between the underdogs and the *Heaven's Song* is also worth the watch.



In the Edo period, the Shinsengumi had been formed to bring peace and order in the midst of anarchy. However, in the anime *Bakumatsu Rock*, the government created a special police force in the form of Shinsengumi for a different purpose. They would confiscate guitars and other musical instruments that do not support *Heaven's Song*. Fans also despise other genres of music and label them as "noise", that's why Ryo often gets kicked out of the roads instead of earning applause from the audience.

Feeling rebellious lately? Know more about Ryo's story in *Bakumatsu Rock*, a guaranteed unique anime that tells an epic tale of musicians battling their way towards self-expression and recognition.



# Take Down the Tyrant! Akame ga Kill!

Leaving your beloved hometown to look for greener pastures is probably one of the most difficult things to do. Especially when you live in the countryside, it's hard not to look back to the place that offers fresh air, sincere close-knitted neighbours, and a clean environment. Going out of your comfort zone however, shows that you are ready for the challenge in the city.

Take Tatsumi as an example, a valiant swordsman who wishes to travel to the Capitol to earn money for his poor village. He sets foot together to the city with his two friends not knowing what dangers await them. With an extremely corrupt Prime Minister who manipulates the child Emperor and a government that brings their own people to depravity and starvation, exactly what is the true nature of people in the Capitol?

**Akame ga Kill!** is originally a dark fantasy manga written by Takahiro, and published by Square Enix. Later on, it has been serialized into an anime by White Fox Studio and aired July 6, 2014. The character art, although not as impressive as other White Fox animations, is notable for its simplicity. However, expect a lot of blood, action, darkness, and a certain amount of gore just perfectly suitable for the anime as Tatsumi's world shifts from the countryside to a merciless sin city.

The story is highly relatable to people who have come from a peaceful prefecture, having no idea of their destiny in the city. Although Tatsumi is a courageous fighter, seeing him being thrown into a pool of unfriendly strangers would make anyone blurt out 'poor soul'. True enough, on his first day in the Capitol, he has experienced fraud, met deceitful people and learned the truth about his friends.

Enemies and friends are not always what they seem. First impressions may sometimes be wrong as proven by the Night Raid, a group of assassins who is driven by their motivation to kill corrupt authorities. Perhaps this has been the quickest plot twist that has happened in the first episode of an anime. The storyline is clear from that point on, and the audience will surely appreciate the mystery that is the Night Raid.

Target? Eliminate. Make **Akame ga Kill!** your target anime this summer for comical moments packed with painfully quick murderous actions. **Akame ga Kill!** is a package deal summer anime with tough characters you surely wouldn't want to miss.



# RESIDENT EVIL THE FINAL CHAPTER

by Mikelle

Formerly known as *Resident Evil 6*, **Resident Evil the Final Chapter** is an upcoming 3D action, horror film which is written, directed and produced by Paul W.S. Anderson. Milla Jovovich returns as codename Alice with the sixth installment in the series and is supposedly the finale of the Resident Evil film franchise.

Following 2012's *Resident Evil Retribution*'s release, the sequel was originally set to premiere on September 2014 but recent announcements declared that theatrical release had been pushed back to sometime next year.



The Resident Evil film adaptations are loosely based on Capcom's Resident Evil horror game series that started way back in the olden days of retro gaming and has since been continuing sequential release along with some spin offs, and is still being celebrated by fans world-wide up to present. Each game features new and returning characters that were usually members of Raccoon City Police Department's elite Special Forces known as S.T.A.R.S.

The Final Chapter is set right after the events of *Retribution* where Alice was rescued from confinement as mankind's final hope and is debriefed about the world's current status.

Now serving as the final rays of hope; Alice along with Jill Valentine, Chris Redfield, Claire Redfield, Leon S. Kennedy, Ada Wong and Wesker plans to infiltrate the Hive to thwart the Red Queen's plot of the world's destruction and annihilation of the human race.

Equipped with gruesome yet classic zombie horror and lots of action scenes to boot, The Final Chapter is sure to deliver. Though 3D is not as popular as it used to be, this feature will surely add some spice to the theatrical experience and many fans are getting excited to see what happens next as the Red Queen dishes out all in her disposal to stop our heroes.

What started in a secret laboratory has now expanded to a global scale and has almost driven human race to extinction. The film series has now reached its climax and is now ready to drop the curtain with the upcoming final act. Faithful fans of the game and film franchise may now rest easy as the story continues and lives on with at least a final theatrical release is already set in motion.





## MOVIE REEL

By Ann

# EXPANDING BUT IRREPLACEABLE



## THE EXPENDABLES 3

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

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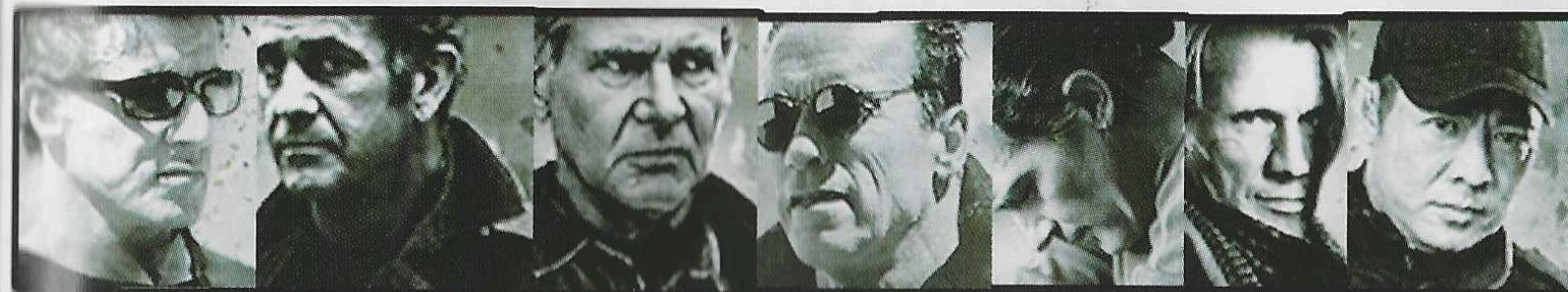
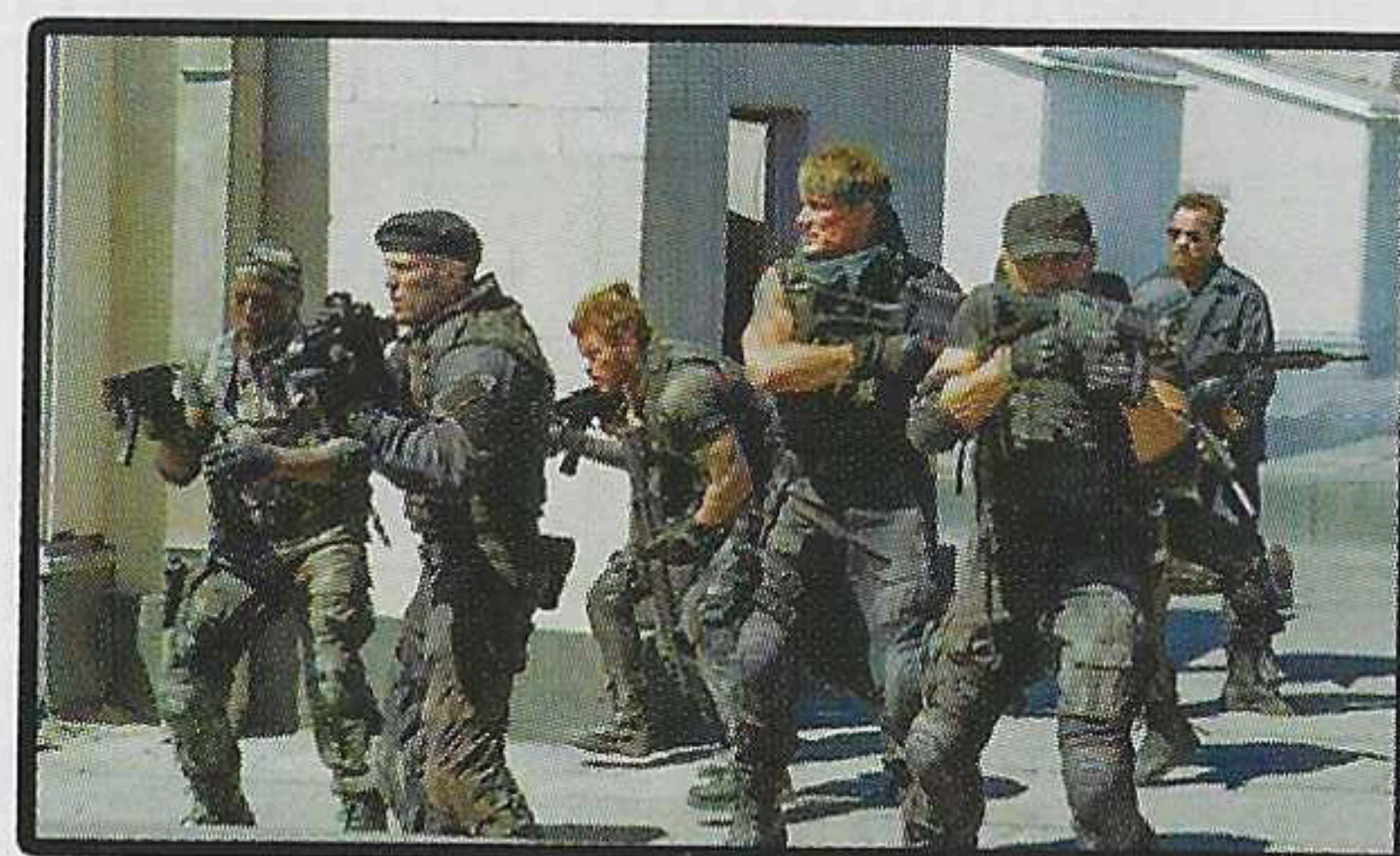
RELOAD.

- BARNEY ROSS



Barney Ross and his team are back and fully loaded. This time, The Expendables is getting bigger, stronger, and...younger? Well, the original members are going to stay (and they're not going to be younger). But, with a greater dilemma at hand, they are in need of techie brains and faster feet. The crisis begins when former member and co-founder of The Expendables turned ruthless arms dealer, Conrad Stonebanks targets the team to avenge his supposed death because of Barney.

Will the team break out from the vicious plots of Stonebanks or will they bring down the bad guy one more action-packed time?



August 15 marks the showing of the third installment of "The Expendables". Directed by Patrick Hughes and produced by Lionsgate and Millenium Films, the movie features a long line of action stars beginning with Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Randy Couture, Terry Crews, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Wesley Snipes, Antonio Banderas, Mel Gibson, and Harrison Ford. Newbies to watch out for are Kellan Lutz, Ronda Rousey, Victor Ortiz, Glen Powell and Kelsey Grammer. This is also the first of the three installments to be rated with PG-13 so teens can enjoy the movie.



The lineup of stars had been something that most people look forward to. Reporters asked numerous actors rumored to join The Expendables 3 including Nicolas Cage, Jackie Chan, Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich, and Steven Seagal but each had different reasons for saying no. Still, the powerhouse cast can undoubtedly deliver more action and more thrill if we base it on the success of the first two films. Even with a child-friendly rating, the stunts are more heart-stopping than ever which is nothing less of what to expect when you have real action stars. It has less computer graphics and more stunts that were conceptualized by the screenwriters together with the director and the cast themselves.



Get ready for high doses of explosive action in The Expendables 3!





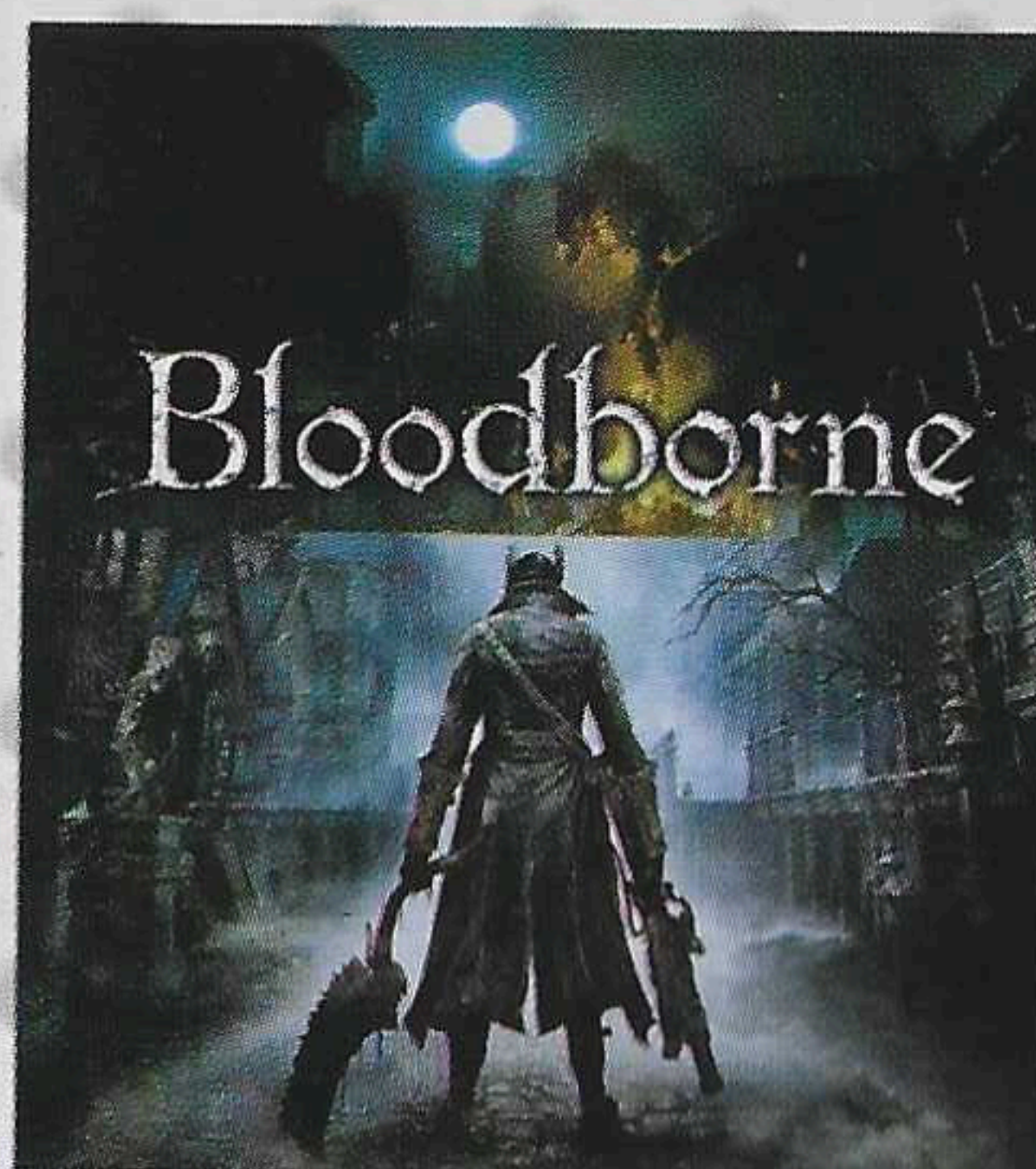
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## ELECTRIFYING EXCITING ENTHRALLING

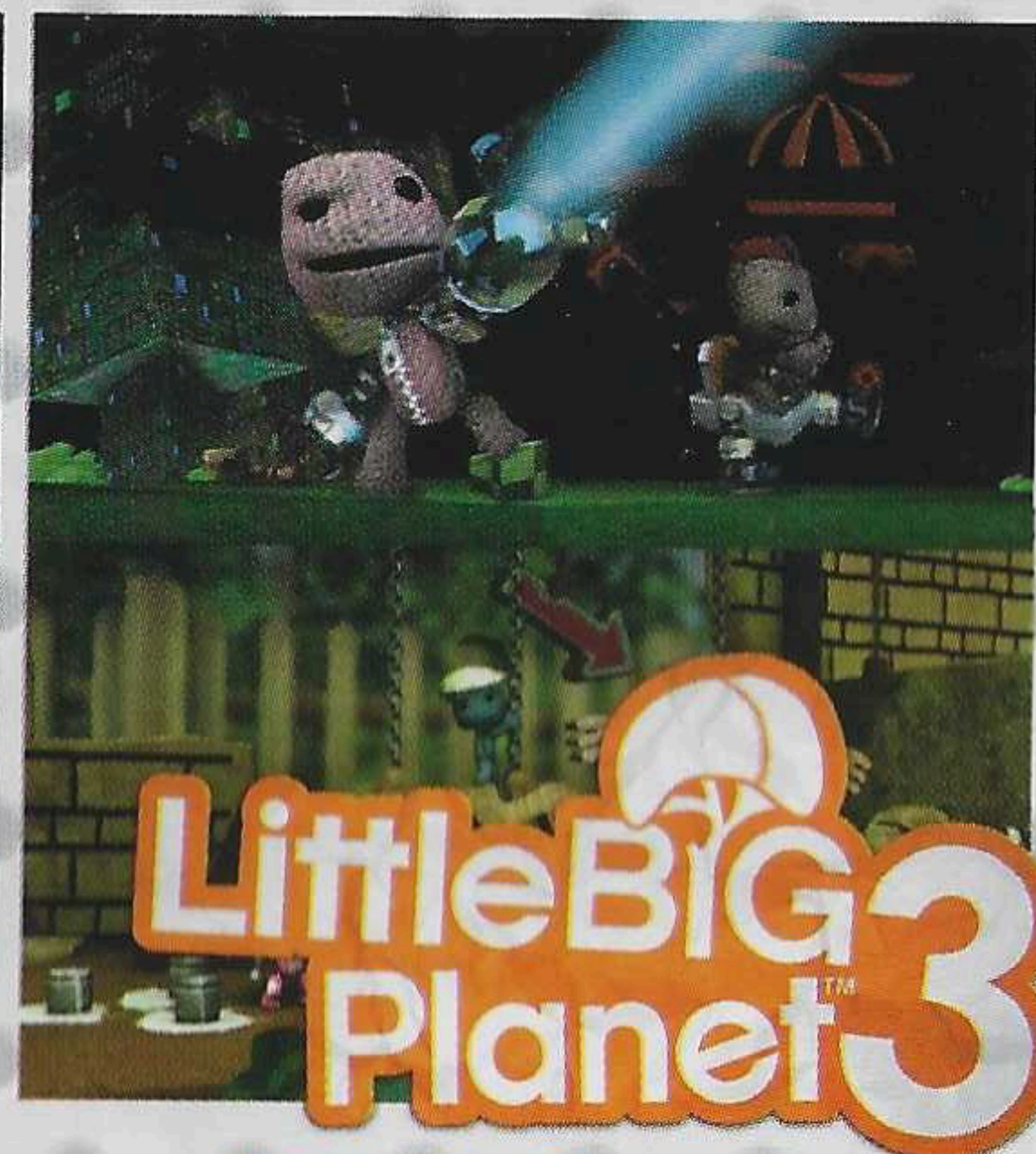
For gamers who are always updated with what's up in the scene, the next most important event during the year is E3 – the Electronic Entertainment Expo, a trade show where the big names of the gaming industry gather to preview their upcoming games, consoles, and other gaming-related news and technologies. And for this year, on June 10-12 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, E3 was an explosive extravaganza of games galore.

As expected, the three biggest names in gaming consoles – Microsoft, Sony, and Nintendo, brought updates about the titles to be released in their respective gaming systems.

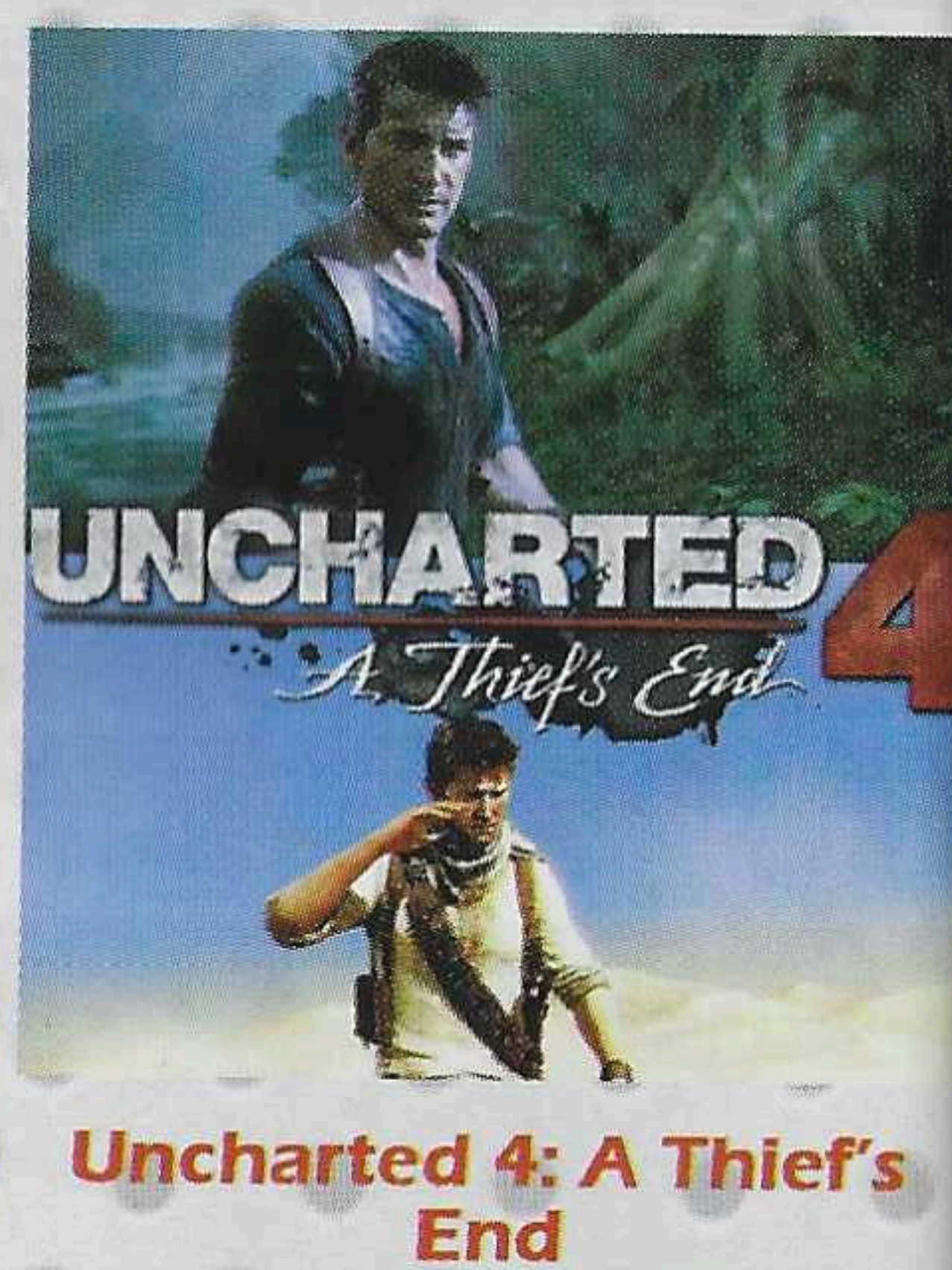
Sony introduced the new CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment America, Shawn Layden. Also, a white version of the PlayStation 4, which was bundled with the game *Destiny* and will be released in the same date as the game, was shown. Game trailers for exclusive titles were also shown, which includes:



**Bloodborne** is directed by Hidetaki Miyazaki, who also directed *Dark Souls* and *Demon Souls*, this game is an action-horror game where the player must navigate through the ancient, abandoned city of Yharnam, which holds a medical remedy. The city is filled with deranged people and terrifying monsters, so be ready for freaky and frightening fights.



**LittleBigPlanet 3** is an addition to the cutesy platformer *LittleBigPlanet* franchise, the game boasts of new characters, abilities for Sackboy, and powerups. The game can also play any levels created in previous games and will be rendered with better graphics and texture. Lastly, those who will create levels will be able to have up to sixteen layers of depth.



**Uncharted 4: A Thief's End** is set several years after *Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception*, Nathan Drake, who is now retired, will go on an around-the-world adventure to uncover a conspiracy behind a pirate treasure. Neil Bruckman and Bruce Straley, the directors of *The Last of Us*, will be directing the game.

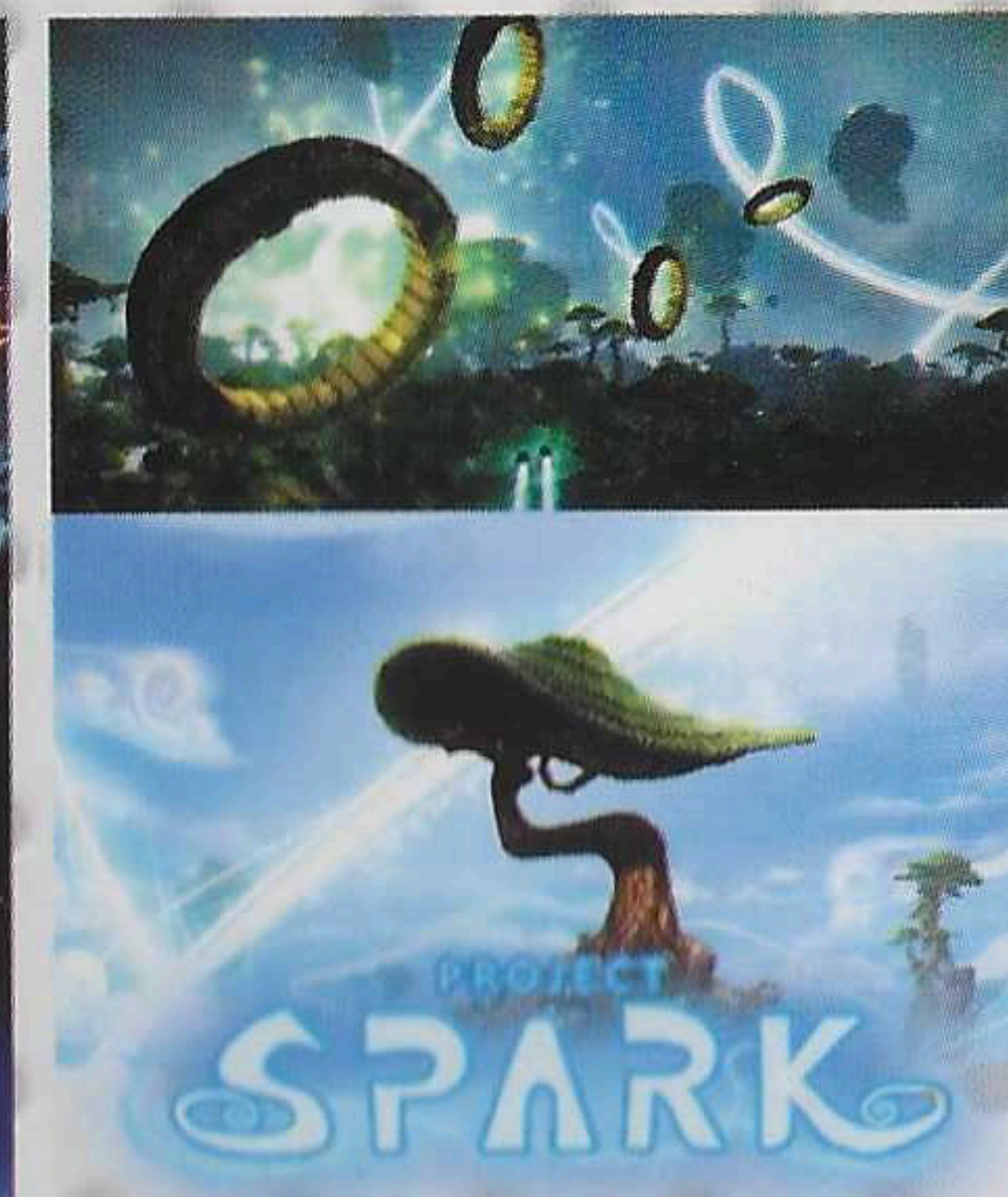
Microsoft, on the other hand, showed trailers for games exclusive to Xbox360, XboxOne, and Microsoft Windows, such as:



**Forza Horizon 2** is set in Southern Europe during the fictional "Horizon Festival", players must take part in races across Southern France and Northern Italy to progress in the game. The game boasts of thrice the bigger game world and a dynamic weather system, heavily improving from its predecessor.

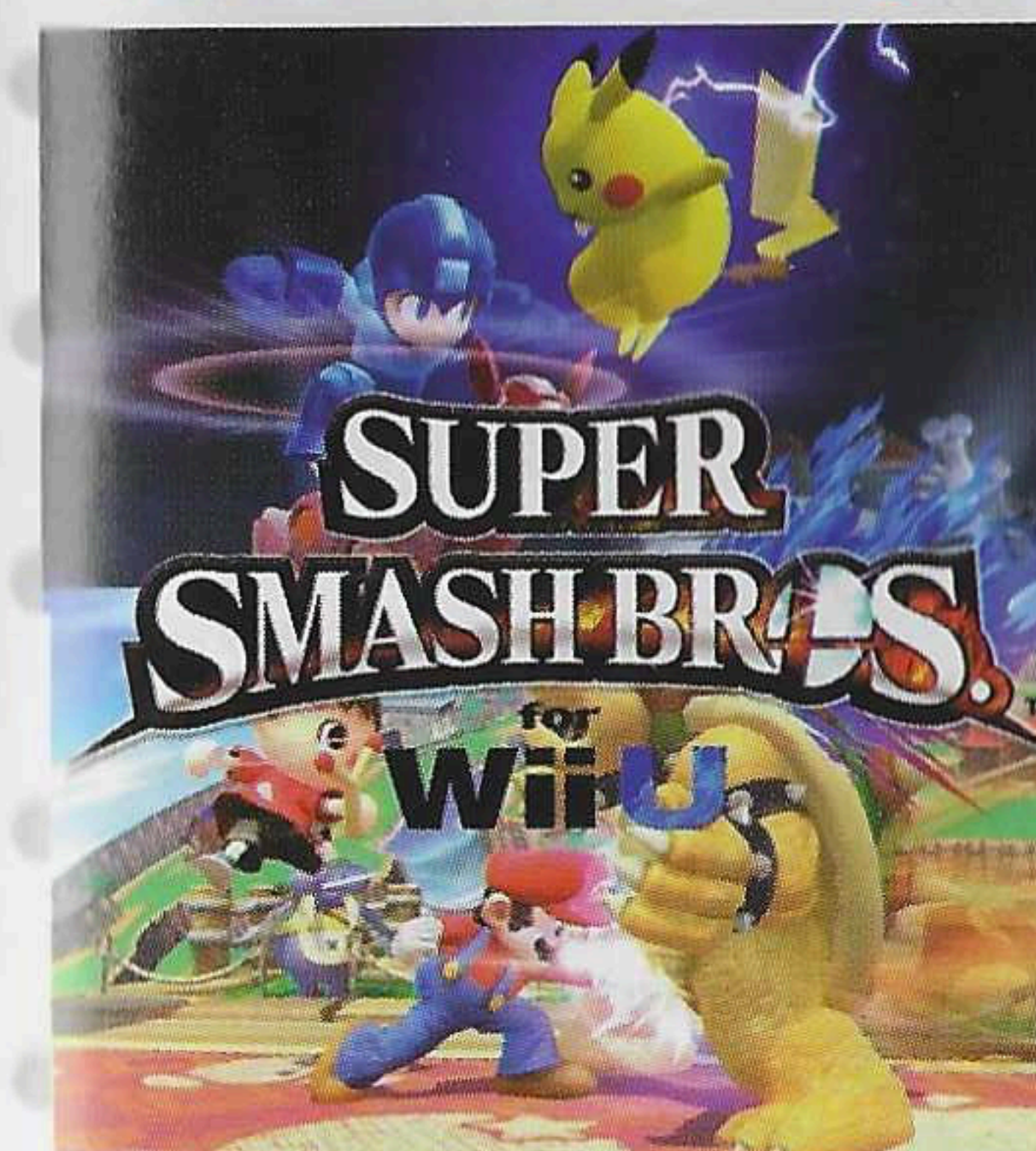


Master Chief is back and is ready for action in **Halo 5: Guardians** for the Xbox One. The game picks up from the events of *Halo 4*, continuing the Reclaimer trilogy that was started in the previous game.



**Project Spark** is a game that allows players to create games, movies, and other related media, this gem promises a lot of creative potential. Aside from the traditional controller, players can also use other input devices such as the Kinect and SmartGlass.

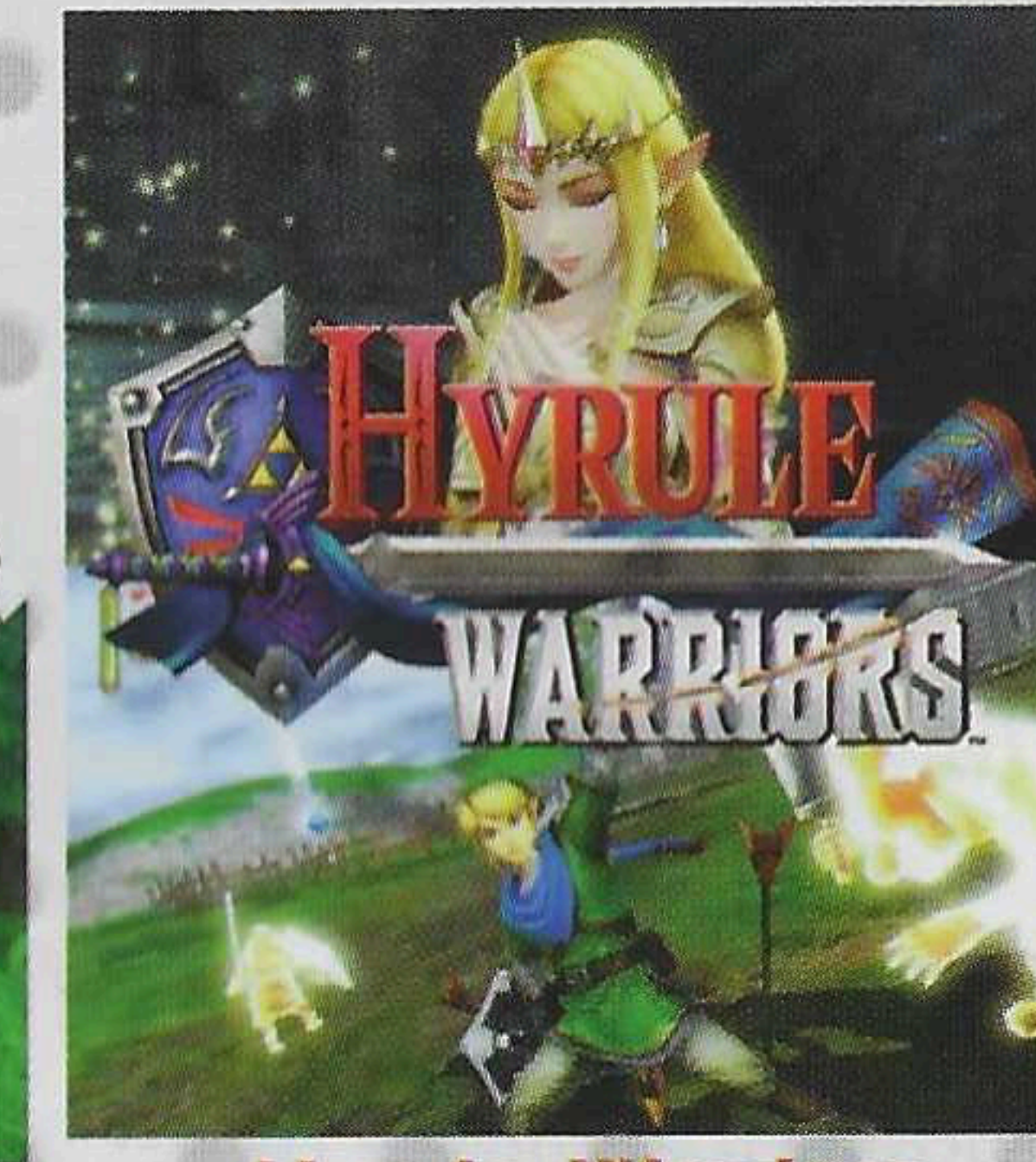
Nintendo, just like what they did in last year's E3, went for a highly creative presentation, called the Nintendo Digital Event. Aside from showing teasers from upcoming *Zelda* and *Starfox* games that will be released in 2015, the show featured Nintendo-exclusive delights, such as:



**Super Smash Bros.** the popular scrapper of the Nintendo is now coming to WiiU. With new features such as the inclusion of Miis as fighting characters, and the support of Amiibo – figurines that can interact with the game and bring in the character.



**Pokemon Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire.** Fellow Pokemon masters, it's time to return to the Sinnoh region. With updated graphics, battle system, and Mega evolutions, these new and improved versions of the beloved third-gen titles will be released for the 3DS.



**Hyrule Warriors** is a spin-off of the ever-popular *Legend of Zelda* franchise, this is the only game where you can play as other characters in the series such as *Zelda* and *Impa*. As the name suggests, the game will have a *Dynasty Warriors* one-man army style of gameplay.



Other notable games shown in E3 are the following:



**Bayonetta 2 (WiiU)** despite its prequel not created for Nintendo, the sequel for Bayonetta is a WiiU exclusive. Set a few months after the first game, our foxy protagonist just went to Hell in order to save her friend. For new fans of the franchise, the game includes the prequel as a bonus.

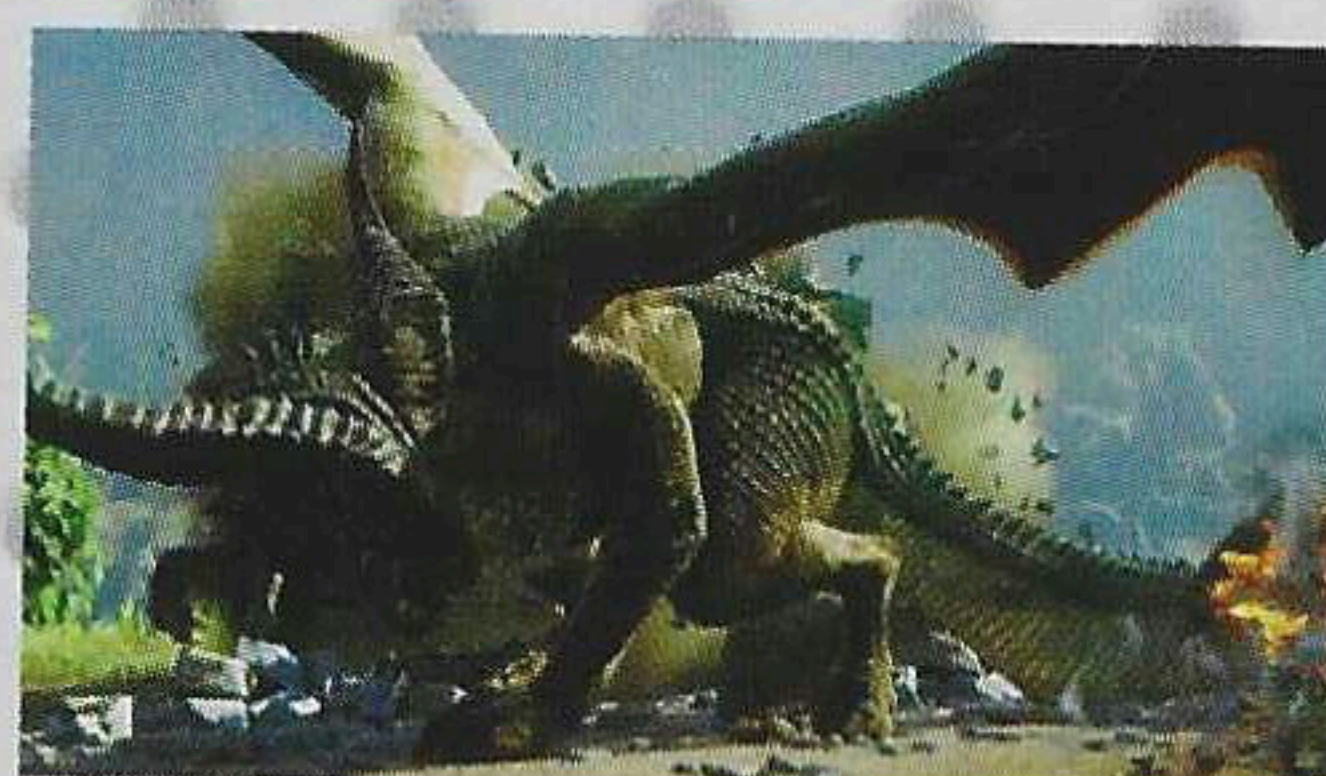
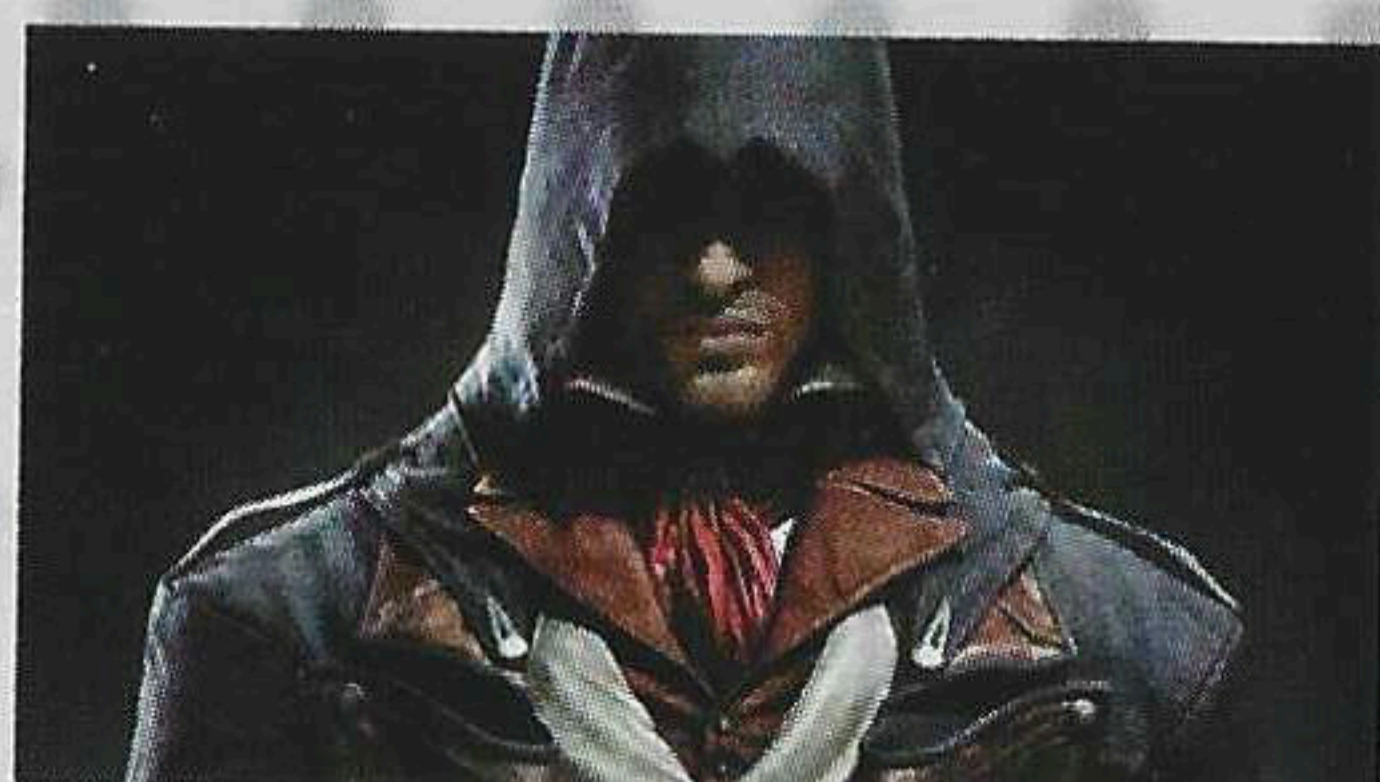
**Xenoblade Chronicles X (WiiU)** a spiritual successor to the critically acclaimed Xenoblade Chronicles, the game will also feature an open world, giving much focus on exploration. Travel can either be done by foot or pilot giant humanoid robots called "Dolls", which can fly, traverse water, and transform into jets and motorcycles.

**Mortal Kombat X (PC, PS4, XboxOne)** the tenth main title in the once-controversial series, the beloved brutal bash-fest of blows and fatalities have found its way to the next-gen consoles. Long-time favorites such as Scorpion and Sub-Zero will be returning, children of former combatants such as Cassie Cage, as well as totally new characters.

**Batman: Arkham Knight (PC, PS4, XboxOne)** a year after the events of Arkham City, Scarecrow has returned to Gotham City, aiming to unify the Caped Crusader's enemies in a bid to destroy him once and for all. The game is promised to feature a game world five times larger than that of the previous, and the Batmobile as a controllable and customizable part of the game.

**Destiny (PS3, PS4, Xbox360, XboxOne)** developed by Bungie, the makers of Halo, this online multiplayer action role-playing shooter will feature an expansive and evolving science fantasy real-time world, three races and character classes, and an engaging backstory. The game's open beta phase ended last July 27, and the official release will be on September 9.

**The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt (PC, PS4, XboxOne)** picking up where The Witcher 2 last left off, we find Geralt of Rivia on a new and personal quest, which is to stop the Wild Hunt, an army of otherworldly beings that destroy everything in their path. The game will feature a world thirty-five times bigger than previous Witcher games, monsters with dynamic battle AI and changing powers depending on the time of day, and hundreds of hours for game completion.



**Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare (PC, PS4, XboxOne)** the eleventh installment of Activision's popular first-person shooter franchise is set in the year 2054, where the most powerful military forces are not controlled by nations, but by private companies. Among them is Atlas, the largest private military company that performs armed operations to the highest bidden, where Mitchell (played by Troy Baker), is a member of.

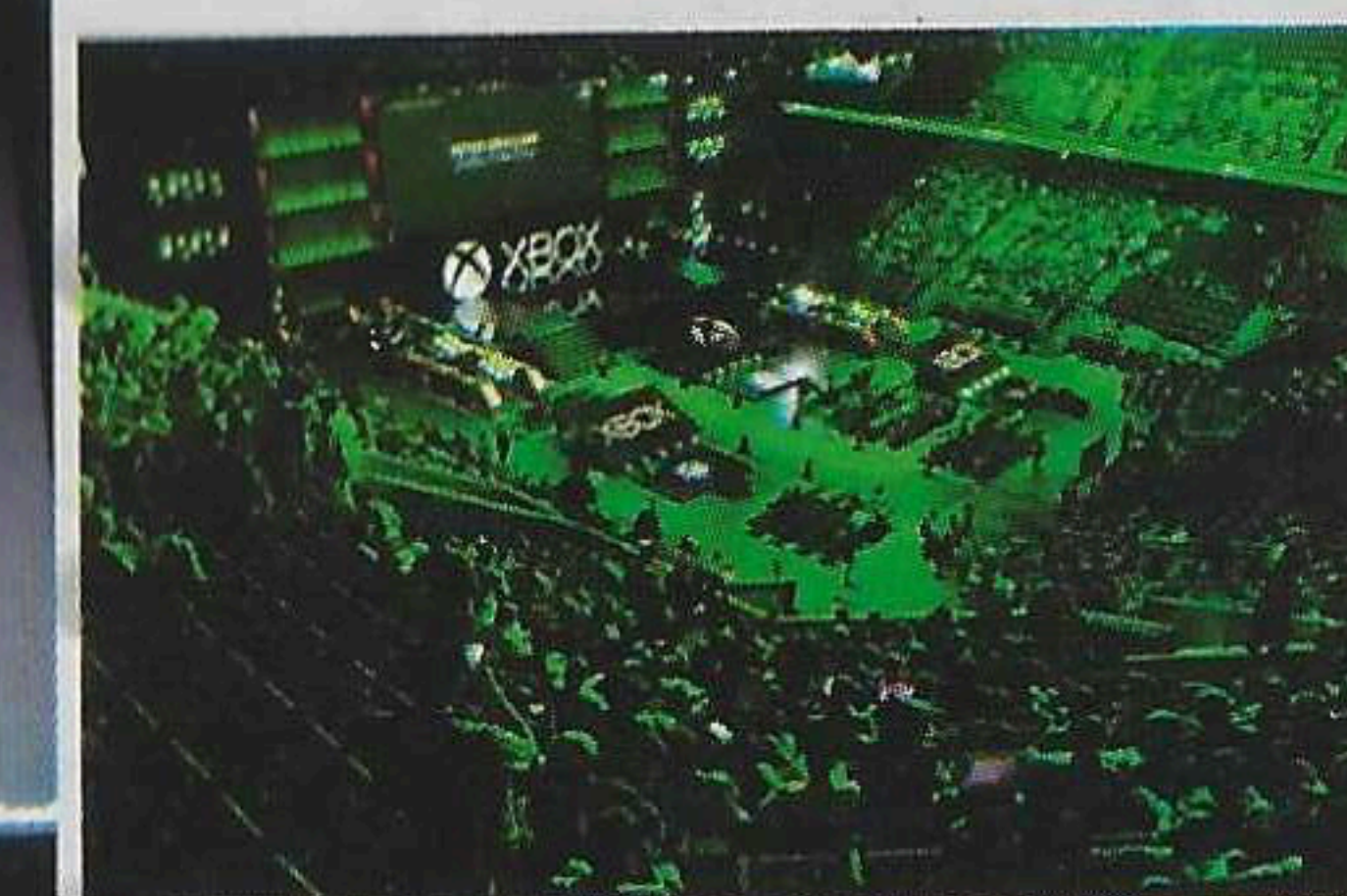
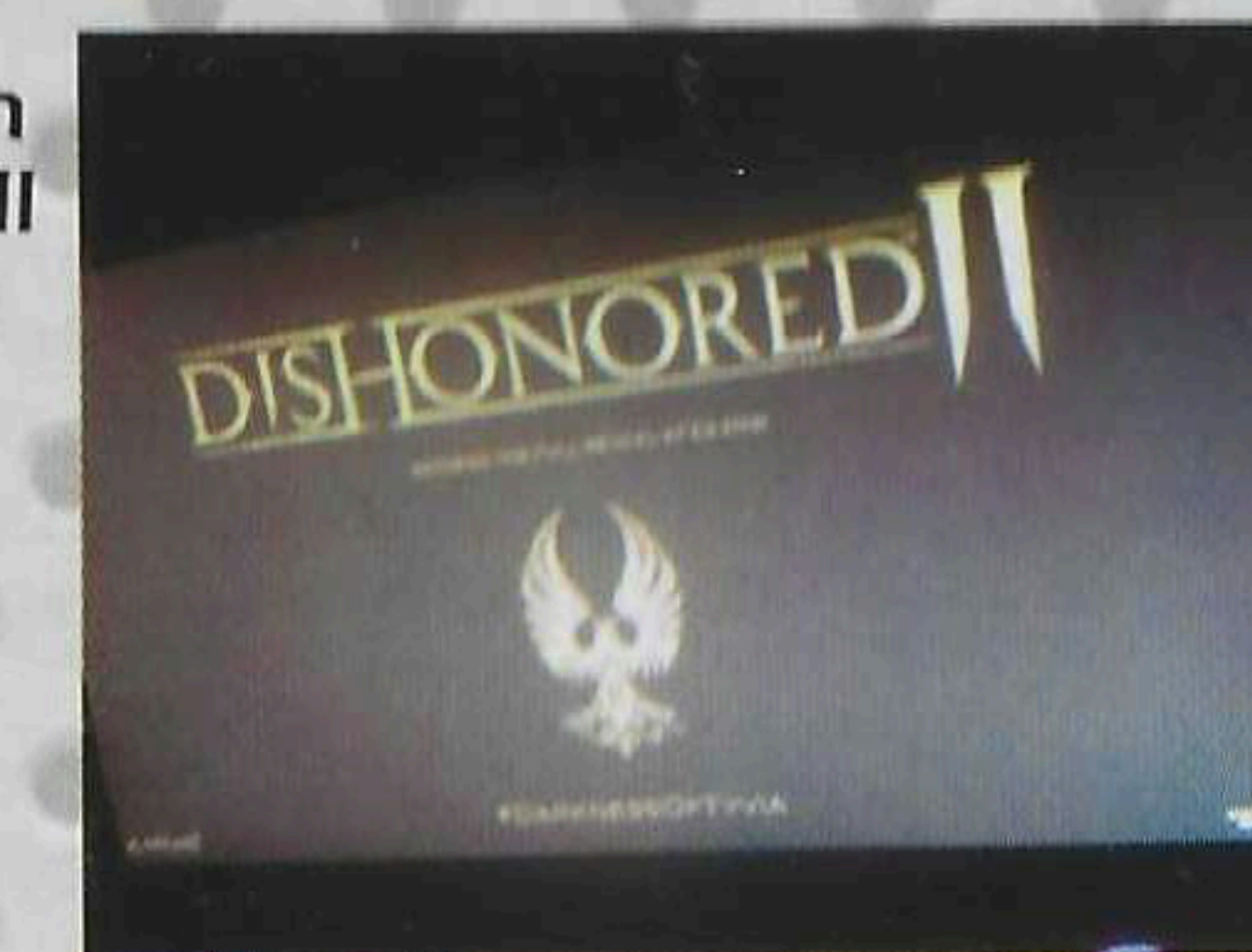
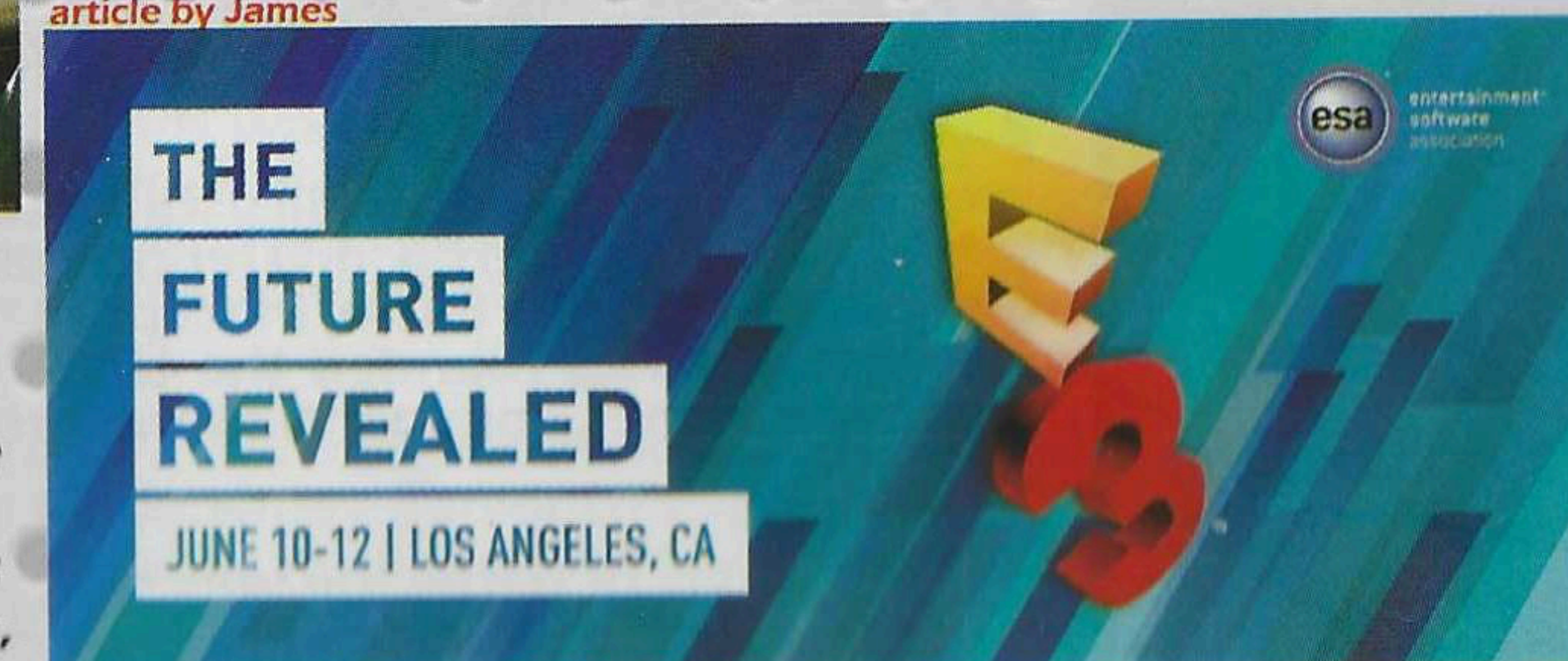
**Assassin's Creed: Unity (PC, PS4, XboxOne)** now's your chance to be Arno, an assassin in Paris during the French Revolution. This is the first game in the series to feature parkour up and parkour down buttons, and a cooperative multiplayer mode.

**Dragon Age: Inquisition (PC, PS3, PS4, Xbox360, XboxOne)** the third game in the Dragon Age franchise, the game will have a bigger game world, more opportunities for exploration, and a more strategic approach to battles. Also, aside from the human, dwarf, and elf races, players will be able to play as the Qunari. Lastly, decisions made by players will have a greater impact on the storyline, as they will unlock and close off game content.

**Far Cry 4 (PC, PS3, PS4, Xbox360, XboxOne)** Ubisoft's action-adventure shooter is back for its fourth installment. Players fill the shoes of Ajay Ghale, who has come back to Nepal just to scatter his mother's ashes, but gets entangled in a civil war. The game will also be in an open world setting, but will make sure that it will not interfere with how the storyline unfolds.

All in all, this year's E3 was not only a chance for game companies to show what they'll be offering in the next few years, but also a preview of the direction of gaming as an industry and a form of entertainment.

article by James





Soldiers Don't Die; They Respawn

# All You Need is Kill

If there's something I like about video games, it's the fact that dying is almost always inconsequential, for I can always just respawn over and over again. Then I met Keiji Kiriya, who gets to live the same day over and over again whenever he dies. Find out about his cyclic and seemingly endless struggle in All You Need is Kill.

Based on a light novel by Hiroshi Sakurazaka, the manga is set in the near future when a mysterious alien race called *Mimics* are attempting to invade Earth. In response to this, the armed forces of different countries founded the United Defense Force in a bid to defend the planet. Joining this international military megagroup is Keiji Kiriya.

On his first day of battle, he was so severely injured that he could do nothing but wait for his death. When he finally "died", he found himself lying down on his bed in their private quarters. As the day went on, the same events that happened the day before his death unfolded, which meant that he was prompted back a day before he died. Thus begins Keiji's battle to vanquish the mimics and find a way out of the tormenting time loop he got himself in.

Despite consisting of only seventeen chapters, this work is definitely not to be missed, as this adaptation is illustrated by Takeshi Obata, the artist behind popular titles like *Death Note* and *Bakuman*, making the art familiar and stylish.

With top-notch art, a fresh and brave concept, and a heartfelt storyline, All You Need Is Kill is a definite must-read for science fiction and action buffs.

Cellphone Strap

# STROBE EDGE

What is it like to be in love for the first time? What is it like to be with someone who will hold your hand and make your heart beat really fast? Will I ever experience it?

Ninako Kinoshita is a 15 year old high school student who's never been in a relationship. Every free period, all of the female students including Ninako's friends wait for the campus crush, Ren to pass by the hall. Ichinose Ren is a handsome and popular student who is good at sports and a mathematics however, he never smiles. This made Ninako curious of what does his smile look like.

Ren accidentally breaks Ninako's her cellphone strap on his way out on his station. Ren immediately apologizes. The next day he replaces her broken cellphone strap. When Ren saw that she is using the cellphone strap he gave, he smiled. This made Ninako's heart thump in a weird way. What could this be?

Sakisaka Io's *Strobe Edge* was released last 2007. It has a complete 10 volume in a total of 39 chapters.

*Strobe Edge* is a story that everyone can relate to. The first crush, the school hottie and a first love. Ninako and Ren's relationship progresses in every chapter and they will soon start to take chances.

The art of the manga is very cute and light. The story is not dragging or too predictable.

*Strobe Edge* will get a film adaptation soon!



# SHINIGAMI LOVERS

by Pam Ola

Japanese legend speaks of a red string of fate is a red cord tied around the little finger which ties two people as destined lovers regardless of time, place or circumstances. It may stretch or tangle, but never break.

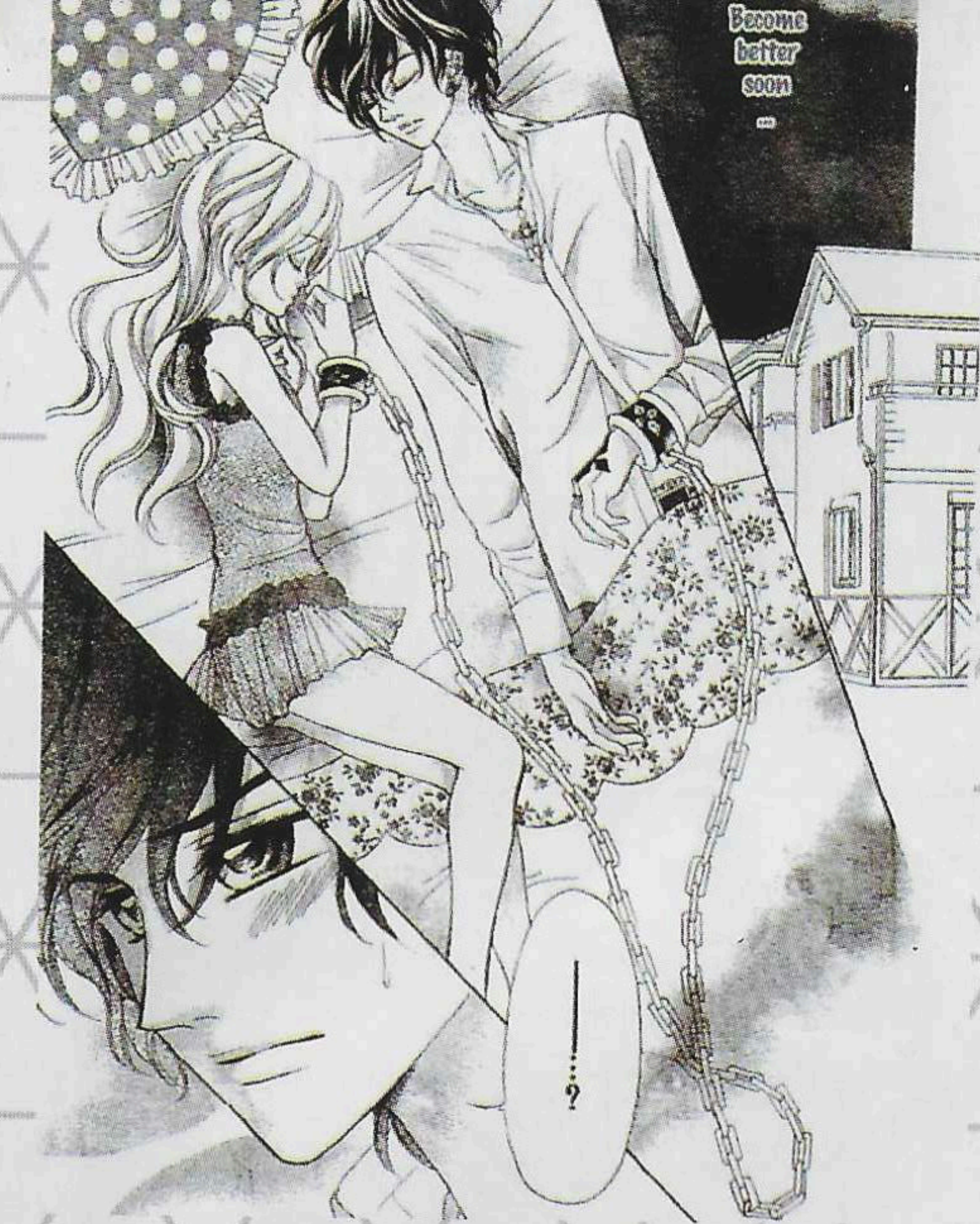
A high school student and nail artist, Miku Onda got into a terrible car accident that puts her in a comatose state. As she's lying on her hospital bed, a shinigami by the name of Sei has come to take her to the world of the dead. First, he binds her soul with a bracelet chain called "Thanatos' Lover"; so that they will never be separated. Second, he will grant her one wish.

Thinking that it was all a dream, Miku fainted. At the gates of death, they find out that her soul was brought in by a mistake. She will return to the world of the living however, the chain cannot be undone. A human and a death god chained together by the Thanatos' Lover until death. Can Miku resist the handsome death god? Or will he be the reason of her death?

Shinigami Lovers is a shoujo manga by Yuuki Ryou. It is 2 volumes long released last 2007.

Shinigami Lovers is a story about a girl who is with a handsome death god until her real death day. The story covers the ordeals of a death god about his duties, ranks and circumstances. The story not only focuses on the two protagonists and how they pair up together. The art style emphasizes the bishoujo and bishounen type of art style, complete with big eyes, wavy hair and slim figures. Though a bit messy and disproportional at times, the art is good.

If you enjoyed the Twilight saga, you'll enjoy this one as well. Find out what happens between the two as they try to live together until death do they part.



# Soredemo Boku wa Kimi ga Suki

by Pam Ola

It's a good thing to remember our past relationships every once in a while. It serves as the basis of our actions and decisions because of all the things we learn from them.

Serizawa is regular working adult who out of the blue dreamed about the girl he met back in his middle school days. She was called the "loner who frequents the library". For a punishment game, Serizawa's friends dared him to ask for her mail address. Instead, he got a book recommendation from her. The two began to spend a time together and less with his friends. He became isolated; bullied by his own friends and pressured by the girl. One day, he took all his frustration out of the girl. They never talked since. After getting scolded by his co-worker for sleeping on the job, he got involved in an accident and was rushed to the hospital by a girl who recognizes him.

However, he could not remember which past relationship this girl came from.

Soredemo Boku Wa Kimi Ga Suki or translated as And I Still Love you is a shounen manga written by Suu Itin. It serialized last year 2013 in Bessatsu Shounen Manga and published by Kodansha. It only currently has 3 chapters.

Just like Serizawa, everybody has a past love or friendship. The manga illustrates how the past can haunt, guide or free a person of guilt, mistakes, pleasure and joy. Based on the first three chapters, we will first take a peek into the past relationships of Serizawa before we find out who saved him from the accident. And in the process of remembering, he will either have to close old wounds or laugh at the fond memories. The artist, Emoto Nao, draws in a way that captures the emotions and the thoughts of the girls and Serizawa himself.

Even if falling in love will be the source of sadness. In the end, we still fall in love.

THAT I SHOULD TREASURE HER NO MATTER WHAT



SERIZAWA AT HIS LIFE'S PEAK!

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE



he experienced. A number of stories that led up to his last love.

THERE IS A ROMANCE I RUINED



I TOO THINK I'M AN IDIOT.

BY HURTING THE GIRL I LOVED.



Well...I'm not busy at the moment... (べ...別に私も暇だし)

why not? (いいけど?)





HOT ANIME

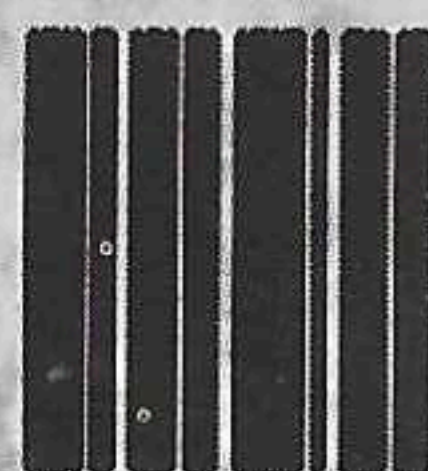
# 残響のテロル

by lizac 3.0

It's always been enjoyable to look for the strangest things to do with your friends. Some law-defying activities probably won't hurt as long as it doesn't involve hurting people intentionally, and the list of experiments and pranks is endless.

However, for two mysterious high school students who call themselves the "Sphinx", fun may be defined as terrorism. In a calm and peaceful day in Tokyo, a video is uploaded through the social media with two young men on a masquerade. In an easy-going and playful manner, they inform everyone that Tokyo will be enveloped with darkness after 3PM, and large sparks will fly around the Shinjuku area. Who can calmly plan and carry out a terrorist attack in Tokyo, Japan other than these two?

*Zankyou no Terror*, or *Terror in Tokyo*, is an 11-episode anime series. It is produced by MAPPA, an independent studio founded by a former Madhouse producer, which is famous for its realist art. With that, expect impressive detailed art of each character, as if they're being pushed by the wind for each move they make. Its raspy animation adds up to the melancholic and psychological nature of the anime. The original soundtrack is by no other than Yoko Kanno, making the anime more amazing.



LISA

**Lisa Mishima is a quiet, introvert girl who is an easy target for bullies. Despite the horrible things she experiences at home and at school, she still wants to keep on living, which shows she has plenty of courage and perseverance.**

**She is taken in by the Sphinx when re ran away and got sick.**

As a team, the main characters call themselves "Sphinx", but as two separate individuals, they are called 'Nine' and 'Twelve' respectively. A close-up of Nine's ice cold eyes, or a glimpse at Twelve's smirk will send you wondering about their true nature and intentions. You can tell by their attitude and gestures that the act of terrorism will go smoothly. Almost perfectly in fact, until *Lisa*, a clueless high school student unconsciously gets in their way at the day of their attack. Lisa's role in the team is highly anticipated. There are also bouts of memories from Nine and Twelve's seemingly morose childhood in a confined place that give us a clue as to the reason why the Sphinx became what they are now.



TWELVE

He is childish, energetic and light-humored and jokester... or so you think. He is quick to adopt ruthless and violent methods if needed.

Nonetheless, he is loyal and dependable, with a sense of social intuition and brotherhood.



NINE

He is the one who stands as the mastermind behind Sphinx. He acts stern and aloof even towards Twelve. He suffers from light trauma from the time when they had to escape the children's institution.

His emotional instability is exposed when he is under high stress.

On one hand, *Zankyou no Terror* will awaken your sleeping veins because of the action scenes right at the beginning of the anime. But on the other, it makes you feel the calm before the storm. Not knowing the immediate future like people simply shopping for groceries in a building full of bombs, is even more terrifying.





## GAMER'S ARENA

## WARRING GENERATION OF GAME CONSOLES

Game consoles have served as a starting point for gamers all over the world to discover their love for video games of various genres. From 8-bit pixels of the past to the modern-day HD graphics, the video gaming industry strives to improve the overall gaming experience by developing a brand new game console for the current generation. As of now, three existing game developers are still contending for superiority as the best game console in the history of video gaming.

Sony Computer Entertainment, Nintendo, and Microsoft are back once again to show gamers all over the world their latest game consoles to compete in the eight-generation console wars!

### HOME CONSOLES



The PlayStation4 earned its title as the world's most powerful game console as it features an AMD x86-64 accelerated processing unit and a GPU that can perform 1.843 teraflops. One of Sony's priorities while developing the PS4 is the social gameplay between players, which explains the "share" button on the new controller and the ability to stream live footage of their in-game experience.

Finally, the PlayStation Vita can crossplay with PlayStation 4, allowing players to play majority of its games through wireless remote play.



Xbox One is advertised as an "all-in-one entertainment system", which makes it a direct competitor to other digital media players aside from Sony's PS4 and Nintendo's Wii U. Like the PS4, Xbox One is equipped with an AMD processor built around x86-64, moving away from the Xbox 360's PowerPC-based architecture.

The ability to multitask, split-screen support, and a newly upgraded Kinect motion sensing peripheral are some of Xbox One's greatest features.

The Wii U's selling point is the backward compatibility with Wii software and the ability to support HD graphics. Aside from the Wii U's GamePad that features an embedded touchscreen, this game console also comes with a classically shaped Pro Controller.

Nintendo also has online platforms for the Wii U and 3DS such as the Nintendo eShop and Miiverse; a social network dedicated to free use by Nintendo system owners.

### HANDHELD GAME CONSOLES

The PSVita is the second handheld gaming device developed by Sony Computer Entertainment as part of the PlayStation brand of gaming consoles. The first-generation PS Vita, namely the PCH-1000, is equipped with two analog sticks, a 5-inch OLED multi-touch capacitive touchscreen, and supports Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and optionally 3G. It also has a quad-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor and a quad-core SGX543MP graphics processor which allows the PS Vita to run games packed with high-definition graphics to its full potential.

A redesigned model of the Vita, the PCH-2000 is thinner, lighter, has an additional hour of battery life, an LCD screen, a non-proprietary micro-USB port, and a 1GB of internal storage memory.

Nintendo's Nintendo 3DS is its newest addition to its family of handheld consoles has a backward compatibility feature that allows it to run Nintendo DS and Nintendo DSi video games. It also has new features such as the StreetPass and SpotPass tag modes, augmented reality using its 3D cameras and the Virtual Console, which allows 3DS owners to download and play games originally released on older Nintendo game systems.

Along with the 3DS, the Nintendo 3DS XL and an "entry-level" version of the console named the Nintendo 2DS was released on 2012 and 2013 respectively.

All consoles developed by Sony, Nintendo and Microsoft tends to take advantage of its network services so that gamers worldwide can play with each other and gain achievements from doing so. One can say that these game consoles are on-par with a high-end desktop PC capable of running games in ultra-high setting as the PS4, Wii U and Xbox One are now using AMD processors. However, considering that these consoles were released in the market recently, it'll be hard to purchase one because of the lack of games developed for it. It would be better if you stay tuned for upcoming game releases and see if there will be interesting games for the eight-generation home and handheld consoles.

## PSVITA

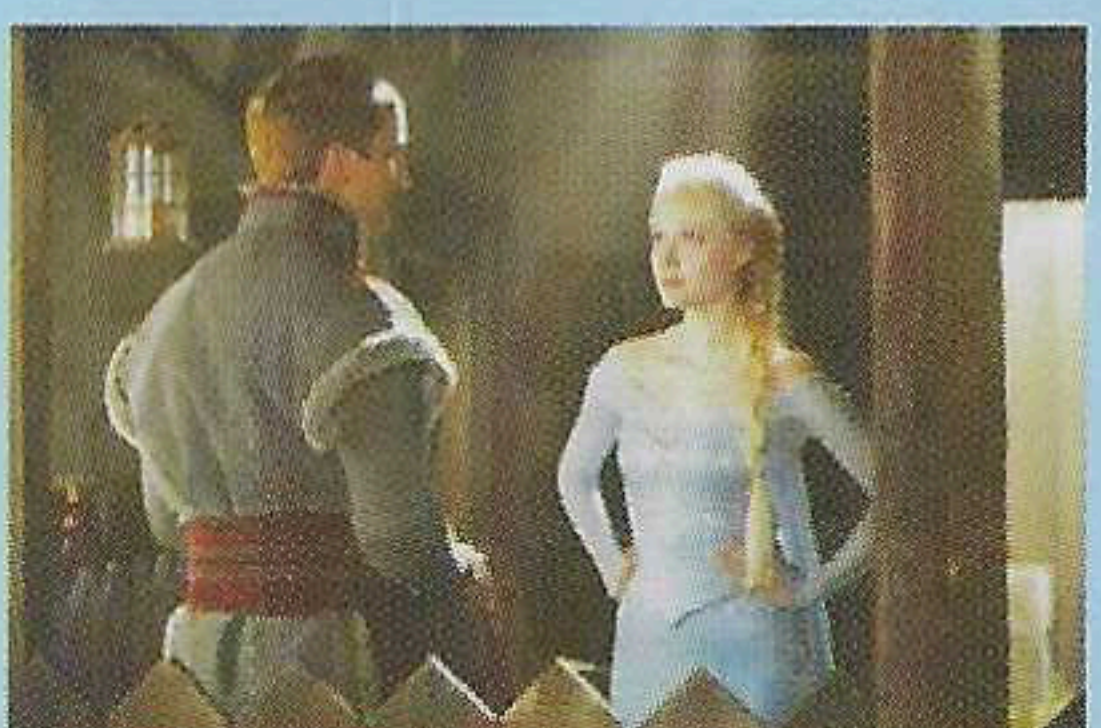
PlayStation Vita



## NINTENDO 3DS







# ONCE UPON A TIME

by Yani

## - SEASON 4 -

*Cut through the heart, cold and clear.  
Strike for love and strike for fear.  
There's beauty and there's danger here  
Split the ice apart  
Beware the frozen heart*

Frozen is the story of two sisters, Princess Elsa and Princess Anna. They were very close when they were still little however this changed when an accident happened. You see, Elsa was born special; she has control over snow and ice. She accidentally hit Anna with her powers while playing which led them to their forced separation. Elsa cannot be with Anna until she learns to control her powers.

Their parents died on a shipwreck and the heir, Elsa, has to take the throne when she turns 21. On the day of Elsa's coronation, her powers was revealed after having an argument with Anna about her marriage to Prince Hans Westergard. This scared the people, making her flee to the mountains. In her hurry, she accidentally cursed the land to have eternal winter. Anna felt guilty about the incident and goes after Elsa. She met Kristoff Bjorgman; an ice harvester and Olaf; Elsa's creation on her journey.

They find Elsa inside an ice castle she made with her powers. However, their encounter did not go smoothly. Elsa accidentally hits Anna again with her powers and this time, in the heart. Only an act of true love can remove the ice from Anna's heart before she dies. Sisterly love saved her and Elsa learns that love is the key in controlling her magic. They were reunited once again and Elsa also managed to return summer.

Frozen is coming to Storybrooke! The series will premiere starting September 28, with the first episode entitled "A tale of Two Sisters".

Anna will be played by Elizabeth Lail, Elsa will be played by Georgina Haig, Kristoff by Scott Michael Foster and Hans by Tyler Jacob Moore.

In the series, *Once Upon a Time*, they do not remake the series but instead create their own plot. Season 4 starts where Anna is preparing for her wedding with Kristoff! I'm sure many fans would want to see Kristoff courting Anna but woah, it's already their marriage. Sven, the reindeer is even included in the show with the lovable snowman, Olaf in CG animation. There are many possibilities that can happen with this story plot. One is that how will Hans come into picture? Will he still be the villain? How did Elsa get trapped in an urn as seen from the season 4 trailer? Mark your calendars as Frozen characters will make their way to Storybrooke starting September 28, 2014 on ABC!



# Furby

## A MIND OF ITS OWN

by Yani

Furby is an electronic talking toy that resembles an owl and a hamster invented by David Hampton. It was launched back in the year 1998 and produced by Tiger Electronics and later, by Hasbro. It also became the "must-have" toy among people in the 90's and early 20's.

Unlike other talking toys, Furbies do not repeat what you say but instead, it answers whatever you asked them and starts a conversation from time to time. It laughs whenever you pinch their belly and it also goes to sleep. It can also chew your finger whenever you put it inside its mouth.

However, Furbies do not speak in English at first; they speak entirely in *Furbish*. It is the furbies' language which contain simple syllables, short words and various sounds. As time goes by, they will eventually replace the *Furbish* language with English language. Here are some of the phrases that they say and their meanings:

**wee-tah-kah-loo-loo:** Tell me a joke.  
**wee-tah-kah-wee-loo:** Tell me a story.  
**wee-tee-kah-wah-tee:** Sing me a song.  
**u-nye-loo-lay-doo?:** Do you want to play?

**u-nye-ay-tay-doo?:** Are you hungry?  
**u-nye-boh-doo?:** How are you?  
**u-nye-way-loh-nee-way:** Go to sleep now.  
**u-nye-noh-lah:** Show me a dance.

They also say these words:

**doo?:** What?  
**doo-dah:** Yes.  
**boo:** No.  
**yoo?:** Why will you not play with me today?  
**noo-loo-** I'm happy.  
**ah-may-koh-koh-** Pet me more.  
**dah-may-lah-** Give me a big hug.  
**mee-mee-a-tay-** I'm very hungry.

Furby is recently re-introduced in the market with Furby Boom as their latest edition. This only indicates that Furby is still alive and popular among young people. We find Furby as one of the great 90's toys because it does not only serve as an entertainment but also educational among children. They teach and encourage children to speak fluently in English, take care of their toy and active play. Even adults are interested to buy them for fun and entertainment and because it is a collection to some since Furby has many types and versions over the years.



## REQUESTS

Fully getting to know others and gaining their trust takes a lot of time but what if you can see what's going on with their hearts at the moment you see them? See Kamine's story as he tries to find a cause for his eye power.

requested by:  
Maiberu tobio tetsuya  
written by: Ren

# SOUL CATCHER(S)

Kamine Shouta has the ability to see other people's hearts. He tries to use it for the good but nothing goes right. Without any idea about the meaning of his power, he loses all hope and caused him to distance himself to other people.

One day while Kamine was in the school rooftop, he encounters a saxophone player named Tokisaka Hibiki and gets his own heart grasped by the music of the saxophone. Kamine seems to found the answer he was looking for but Hibiki was in a hurry and invited him to the auditorium if he wants to listen to more music. From listening to the concert band, he realized that music gets imprinted to his own heart and witnessed other people's heart get captivated by it as well! After the performance he confronted Hibiki and learned that he was troubled that his music can't reach his dear friend Moko. With Kamine's ability to see hearts, he was able to guide Hibiki's music to reach Moko's heart and helped her get over her depression. From this, Hibiki begs Kamine to be their conductor to save the concert band and lead them as a unified group.

Soul Catcher(s) is an ongoing manga by Shinkai Hideo and was serialized in the Weekly Shounen Jump. It is a school life, drama mixed with music manga with a great art and a unique way to represent music reaching to people's hearts.

Want to know how Kamine will reach different peoples' hearts through his new found path?



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# ILLEGAL RARE

Supernatural creatures, cryptids and half-beasts called "rares" coexist with humans, but they are hunted for their abilities, to be put in a collection, and to fulfill human greed. The continuous hunting drove different kinds of rares to the verge of extinction.



Scar City is known to be the home of the largest "rare market". Fukumen, a masked man working for the police, recruited a Black Vampyr named Axl and assigned him to rescue a kidnapped mermaid by the request of the victim's sister, Nova. With his ability to gain memories using blood and to use his own fangs and claws as weapons, he singlehandedly rescued Mirror, the kidnapped mermaid. After the incident, Fukumen established the Illegal Rare Counter-Protection Unit.

Illegal Rare's story follows the usual shounen crime manga where they get a case, encounter obstacles, learn more about the case and the victim or in this case, the 'rare', and ultimately solve the case in no less than two chapters. This fast paced manga will surely bring you the excitement you need! From the creator of Nura: Rise of the Yokai Clan, Hiroshi Shiibashi, his new manga shows us what can a group of people do when their kind is pushed to the limit. It is serialized in Shonen Jump.

If you want to know if Axl can change the fate of the rares and get his revenge on the collectors, be sure to check out Illegal Rare!



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## #THROWBACK

Left, right, change structure quick, change structure quick...complete the row! What is this about? Well, if you've ever held one of the coolest game platforms before Nintendo then you must be familiar with the game that overcame children's boredom and encouraged strategic thinking all over the world.

The brick game is more popularly known as Tetris. The whole concept of bricks with different shapes to complete a line began in the brain of *Alexey Pajitnov*, a Russian computer engineer then working for the *Computing Center of the Soviet Academy of Sciences*. Together with *Dmitry Pavlovsky* and *Vadim Gerasimov*, he developed the game Tetris in 1984. By 1989, he and friend *Henk Rogers* brought the game to Japan for it to be released in Nintendo's *Game Boy*. Soon afterwards, they released it with Nintendo of America and the game boomed worldwide. In 1996, Pajitnov and Rogers started The Tetris Company in the United States and got the licenses for Tetris to ensure that no one else was taking it away from them.

Now on its 30th year, the electronic puzzle matching game continues to be a sensation with brand new consoles and platforms coming forward to share the puzzling but exciting experience with the new generation of gamers. Just recently, video game developer *Ubisoft* released *Tetris Ultimate* for PS4 and Xbox One.

From simple blocks to worldwide sensation, Tetris has come a long way but there is much to celebrate and look forward to as it evolves. Satisfy your craving for fun with this good but never old brick trick.

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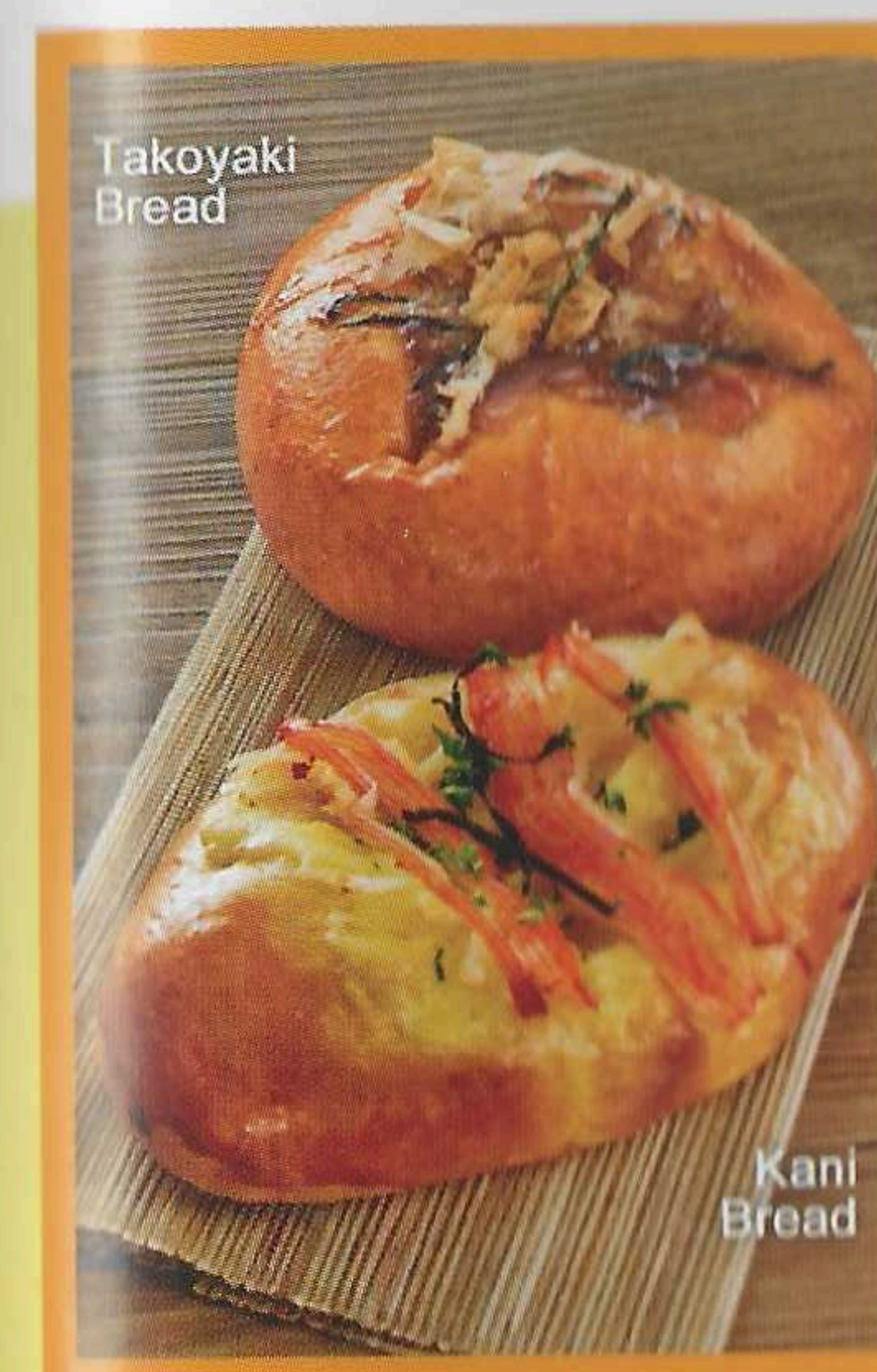
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